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## All Set for Tonight



Among busiest fingers in Victoria florists' shops yesterday were Joan Tanner's. She was only one of many contriving orchids and gardenias for belles of a dozen New Year's Eve parties. She wears her samples well herself.

## 'Outside' Too Tough

## No Place Like Pen Ex-Convict Finds

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—A 36-year-old ex-convict embarked on a two-year jail stretch Thursday after profligate breaks into a brace of banks to point up his yen for the pen.

Don Roberts of Sydney Mines told Magistrate John F. MacDonald that eight fruitless months of hunting for work convinced him jail was the place to be. The quest began when he returned here after serving 43 months in prison at Montreal for armed robbery.

Roberts said he reached his doleful decision Wednesday.

### BOTTLE BREAKIN

First, he heaved a beer bottle through the window of a Bank of Nova Scotia branch and, in the dark, climbed through, cutting his hand in the process. He wandered around aimlessly, then, picking up a stool for future use, he climbed out through the broken window.

Roberts hurled the Bank of Nova Scotia's stool through the window of a nearby branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Again he clambered through a broken window, this time cutting his other hand. Inside, he meandered about morosely, finally knocking the phone off its hook.

Roberts said he picked up the phone and began a conversation with the operator who had been trying to get him to hang up the receiver.

He explained about the dismal job prospects and suggested it was probably time she called the cops so he could get on with his plan.

She did.

## Rainmaking Tales Held Exaggerated

TORONTO (CP)—Andrew Thomson, controller of the meteorological division of air services, department of transport, said Thursday reports that cloud seeding caused excessive rainfall in the southwestern corner of Manitoba are greatly exaggerated.

He was commenting on a statement released during the day by the American Institute of Aerological Research that farms in the Brandon area received 50 to 85 per cent more rain than their neighbors.

Clouds were seeded in the area for five cents an acre in 1953 and 1954 by the Resources Development Corporation of Denver, Colorado.

The report said farms in the area received five to nine inches

more rain in 1954 than they would have if no seeding had been done.

Mr. Thomson said the area this year did receive approximately 65 per cent more rainfall than the 50-year average.

"But so did a great many areas in the Prairies, including those adjacent to the area in question."

"The area did get about 10 per cent more rain than its neighbors. But a 10-per-cent increase is very inconclusive."

## U.S. Combat Power Not Hit by Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. defense department reported Thursday that in the two years ended last June 30 it cut military manpower strength by 9 per cent, all without weakening combat power.

The report was made to a House of Representatives civil service sub-committee headed by Representative R. J. Corbett.

## Disorder Ends Wives' Parley

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A meeting of wives of Ford of Canada workers, aimed at getting "constructive ideas" to settle the deadlocked Ford strikes, broke up Thursday amid jeers, cat-calls and pro-union songs.

(Rep., Pa.) which has been studying the military use of manpower.

Corbett said in an accompanying statement that the military, for the two years ending next June 30, had found 212,800 unemployed and civilian positions "unnecessary to the accomplishment of their primary defense objectives," with a resulting saving of some \$300,000,000 a year.

The figures used by Corbett were not in the defense department's report as published by the sub-committee. The survey did not deal with the Pentagon's announced future manpower cuts or its proposed new draft reserve program.

## Labor Leaders Mostly Favor Jobless Plan

Forthcoming federal legislation to boost supplementary unemployment insurance benefits won praise from several Victoria union leaders last night, but drew from one the comment that it leaves fishermen "in pretty tragic condition."

A Canadian Press dispatch quoted Ottawa informants as saying that emergency federal legislation to meet winter unemployment would consist mainly of a boost of about 25 per cent in the supplementary benefits.

The supplementary benefits, now paid during the first three months of the year to some classes of workers who cannot qualify for ordinary benefits during that period, average about 80 per cent of regular benefits.

Usual reason for workers not qualifying for ordinary benefits in the first three months of the year is that they have used up all the benefits to which they are normally entitled.

The government is understood to be proposing some changes in the current complicated regulations to make it easier to qualify for these benefits. The period for which they are paid also may be lengthened.

### SOME LEFT OUT

But it is understood, the Ottawa dispatch said, that the government does not contemplate extending coverage to groups not now insured. This would still leave out civil servants, farm help, hospital employees and some classes of loggers and fishermen.

These changes will be incorporated in a so-called "little bill," which the government hopes to see passed as soon as possible in the session opening January 7.

Later in the session, Ottawa informants said, the government will introduce a voluminous measure streamlining the Unemployment Insurance Act and discarding the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for 3,200,000 workers.

The changes are "along the lines we have been requesting for many years," said Victor Midgely, vice-president of the Trade Union Congress of B.C.

### LESSEN HARDSHIP

"These measures will help to reduce a lot of hardship," he said. "They represent an improvement, although not a solution to unemployment."

"The news is very encouraging."

Ed Haw, secretary of the Victoria Labor Council (CCL), called an increase in supplementary benefits a "long needed step in the right direction."

But he added, "As long as all workers are not covered, we are going to have people in need."

He felt that the change would benefit shipyard unions most in this area.

### BIG HELP

James McConachy, business manager of Local 191 of International Boilermakers (AFL-TLC) said "it will be a big help to us."

"In the last two or three months, it hasn't been too good. We have had quite a few unemployed," he said.

Exclusion of new groups from the scheme was protested by Elgin Neish, president of the Victoria local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Independent).

"If fishermen have had a bad season, the only way they can get help is to declare themselves destitute and go on city welfare," he said.

Mr. Neish said that the heavy fish runs last only a few months of the year and said fishermen would continue their long campaign for benefits "until the public realizes our plight."

### VERY IMPORTANT

An increase in the supplementary benefits would be "very important," Percy Raymond, secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, said.

"It would certainly be an advance on present payments. Changes in the supplementary benefit regulations 'as far as they go, are all right,'" R. K. Gervin, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said from his Vancouver home in a telephone interview.

"Anything that will help the people at present unemployed will meet with approval," he said.

"The Dominion, provincial and municipal governments should meet head-in-hand, in a

national committee, to combat unemployment."

Lawrence Huck, president of the Victoria chapter of the B.C. Government Employees' Association, indicated that a majority of provincial civil servants here did not favor having to pay for unemployment insurance and would not mind exclusion from the act.

Most government employees here are white-collar workers and it was disclosed at the B.C. association convention that main support for unemployment insurance comes from other groups in the association.

## Another Triumph



PREMIER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE

## Both in Popularity, Achievement

## Mendes-France, Man of Destiny Soars to Great, New Heights

PARIS — Premier Pierre Mendès-France's fight for German rearmament capped a series of spectacular successes which began last summer with his promise to stop the fighting in Indo-China within a month.

He did it, and set himself upon the road to a personal popularity achieved by few French chief executives. He became a sort of "man of destiny."

Mendès-France called upon every bit of that popularity in his campaign to ram through a fearful and warring assembly the agreements to rearm an ancient enemy which has overrun French soil three times in the memory of living Frenchmen.

As long ago as May, 1953, Mendès-France was marked as a man to be watched. He narrowly missed the premiership when the government of Rene Mayer fell.

Last June, with the Indo-China situation becoming more desperate daily, the deputies turned again to the 47-year-old Mendès-France. He said he would stop the war within a month, or give up his office. On June 17 he was confirmed as premier by a vote of 417 to 47.

Just a month later, the assembly

gave him one of the greatest majorities ever recorded—471 to 14—in approving the Indo-China armistice worked out at Geneva.

He barely waited to hear the result before taking off for another trouble spot, Tunisia. There he called Nationalist leaders into conference, and won agreement on principles of home rule for the protectorate.

Then he turned to the ill-fated European Defense Community. He tried in vain to have the setup changed so he could sell it to the assembly. Refusing to stake his government on the vote, he stood by as the assembly killed it, 319 to 264.

Although he was gaining political enemies by now, he lined up with the United States and Britain to work out plans for the Western European Union. That made the powerful Communist bloc in the assembly turn solidly and finally against him.

Even if he had failed to win Thursday's final National Assembly vote on German rearmament, this swarthy little man would have been hailed throughout France as the "man of the year."

Despite his popularity at home and

abroad, Mendès-France is still precariously perched on the French political teeter-totter. In Thursday's victory, he won only breathing space for new epic struggles with the political foes who have dogged his path for the last seven months.

Observers in Paris believe he will be able to hold his government together at least until the end of January.

But he has fooled the experts before.

Controversial, forceful—often blunt to the point of rudeness—Mendès-France has earned himself almost as many bitter enemies as fervent admirers.

His appearances in the French provinces have brought waves of public enthusiasm which veteran French observers have rarely encountered.

Some of the premier's opponents are jealous of his success, and they show spite and envy.

He shuns public functions and Paris society life wherever possible. He has no gift for small-talk—he believes a man should speak only when there is something important to say.

## Arms Plan Approved By France

## Historic Decision Made by 27 Votes

PARIS (Reuters)—France Thursday made a historic decision to rearm West Germany within the framework of the Western defense system.

By a margin of 27 votes, 287 to 260, the National Assembly gave final approval to the creation of a West German army of 500,000 men and West German entry into the Western European Union. Seventy deputies abstained.

The decision combines with approval votes already given to complete the National Assembly's approval of the Paris agreements. Along with it goes approval of the pact between France and West Germany to "Europeanize" the rich industrial Saar pocket state.

### NO DELAYING TACTICS

The Speaker announced there would be no further talk or delaying tactics such as enabled anti-rearmament groups to stymie the vote for 24 hours Wednesday on a procedural point.

When the voting was completed, newspaper men, diplomats and spectators paced the halls for 45 minutes while the ballots—white slips of paper for, and blue ones against—were counted.

Then the assembly's one-armed chairman, Andre Le Troquer, announced the decision to the legislators ringed in a hushed semi-circle around the ornate assembly hall.

As the deputies rose to leave, the shrill voice of a woman Communist legislator rang out: "You'll pay dearly for this."

Other Communist members shouted "treason," "assassin," "German rearmament" and "Nazis" as ushers formed a wall between them and the other assembly members.

### BIGGEST VICTORY

For energetic Premier Pierre Mendès-France, who pushed the decision through as he had promised before the first of the year, it was his biggest victory ending his biggest battle since he took office six months ago. Defeat would have meant his downfall since he had made the vote a matter of confidence.

Mendès-France relaxed when the count was announced, but there were dark circles under his eyes marking the strain of the 11 days of debate that preceded the decision it had taken France four years to make—the decision to put guns again into the hands of the nation whose invading troops three times in the last 80 years violated the French frontier.

During the 11 days, deputies of all non-Communist parties went through agonizing personal crises trying to determine which way their patriotic duty lay.

## War Danger Seen in Move

LONDON (UP)—Moscow radio said Thursday night that French approval of German rearmament aggravates "the danger of a new war."

## Mothers Praying For Missing Sons

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three grief-stricken mothers hoped and prayed in their homes here Thursday that what is feared to be a four-fold tragedy will turn out to be a teen-age adventure.

Four boys, two of them brothers, vanished on a camping trip up the Indian Arm, 18 miles northeast of here. Their wrecked outboard motorboat was found washed up on a beach at the upper reaches of Vancouver harbor.

Eight search boats pined through a pelting rain along the shore of the placid inlet during the day, but failed to turn up any positive clues to their fate.

Hopes faded fast that they would be found alive.

A pet dog of one of the boys was found dead on the beach near the boat. A rubber boot, running shoes and other equipment carried by the boys was also washed ashore.

### Missing are:

Don, 17, and Ian McLeod, 16, Wally Wittwer, 17, and Joe Toth, 17, all of Vancouver.

They started on the camping and fishing trip Sunday. All had made the trip many times before and are familiar with the terrain.

## Boy Mauled by Bulldogs; Flesh Torn from Limbs

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—Two bulldogs attacked an eight-year-old boy near here Thursday, chewing his arms and legs "down to the bone," doctors said.

Hospital officials said Roger Stokely was in critical condition after nearly 150 stitches were required to close his wounds.

Doctors reported Roger's arm muscles were torn badly and that on his left leg both muscle and skin were "just gone."

## Duchess Hits Comeback Trail

NEW YORK (UP)—The Duchess of Windsor, deposed as queen of the fashion world last year, hit the comeback trail yesterday. She tied for second place on the 1955 list of the world's best-dressed women.

Mrs. William S. Paley, wife of the chairman of the board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, topped the list for the second consecutive year.

It was Mrs. Paley, one of Boston's famous Cushing sisters, who ended the Baltimore-born duchess' 15-year reign last year.

The duchess toppled from first to 10th place on the 1954 list, but yesterday she tied for second with Mrs. Byron Foy, wife of a Chrysler Motors executive.

Princess Margaret of Britain was third.

The annual list of best-dressed women is issued by the New York Dress Institute's couture group, an organization of dress-makers who outfit some of the women named. Ballots were sent to 1,500 fashion designers,

fashion editors, society writers and socialites in the United States, South America and Europe.

Their votes this year put Mme. Henri Bonnet, wife of the retiring French ambassador to

the United States, in fourth place. Others listed included:

Mme. Louis Arpels, wife of the French jeweler, fifth; Mrs. Alfred Cayenne Vanderbilt, socialite wife of the sportsman,

sixth; Clare Booth Luce, U.S.

ambassador to Italy, seventh; Mme. Arturo Lopez-Willshaw, Paris socialite, eighth; Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., wife of the newspaper publisher, and Mrs. Harold E. Talbot, wife of the air force secretary, tied for ninth, and act-

ress Grace Kelly, and Queen Frederica of Greece tied for tenth.

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, who was on the list two years ago, when her husband entered the White House, was an also-ran this year.



MRS. WILLIAM S. PALEY



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR



PRINCESS MARGARET



CLARE BOOTH LUCE





## ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

THE magazine Sports Illustrated this week publishes a gallery of sports headlines of 1954. With the possible exception of the North American marbles

chairs title, everyone you can think of is in there. Everyone except Marilyn Bell, that is, Canada's Woman Athlete of the year is conspicuous by her absence.

Sports Illustrated, in case anyone doesn't know, is the new illustrated child in the Time-Life family of magazines.

Its gallery of headlines includes experts in such fields as fencing, fly casting, archery, skeet shooting, horseshoe pitching, pocket billiards, chess, table tennis, sports car racing, figure skating and bobsled running.

The gallery does not include the teen-aged girl who swam Lake Ontario for the first time in history.

Even Canadians who were mildly annoyed by the outburst of hysteria that followed Marilyn's feat will find this omission puzzling.

Among the sports headlines in Sports Illustrated are a horse trainer, two football coaches, two horses and two dogs. The dogs are Champion Bang Away, first to win 100 best-in-shows; and Champion Rise and Shine, best-in-show at Westminster.

Horse trainers, football coaches, horses and dogs are lovable and sometimes clever creatures. But why should they be in if Marilyn is out? What have they got that Marilyn hasn't?

In the case of the horses and dogs, four less. In the case of the trainer and the coach, ulcers (maybe). But that doesn't make them superior.

With a polite bark toward the two dogs, I suggest that their achievement scarcely ranks as sport. All the dogs did was to appear in a show, denot themselves properly, and look handsome. They refrained from biting the judges, which may be regarded as a feat of self-control.

However, much as I admire dogs, I can't see these two show champions as leaders in the world of sport. If they are, the gallery might also have included the champion white rat, guinea pig and rabbit of the year.

It might also have included Miss Universe.

Maurice (Rocket) Richard, Doug Hepburn and curler J. Ken Watson represent Canada in the list. But the omission of Marilyn Bell looks like a studied insult.

I know what the reply to this criticism will be. "All those on our list are champions of competitive sport," the editors of Sports Illustrated will say. "Marilyn Bell was not in any competition."

In fact, however, Marilyn Bell was in competition—against a lake. She had a tough opponent, and for the first time in sports history, she won.

Various inanimate objects, such as a car, a racing motorboat, a sailing yacht and a bobsled, appear in the gallery of headlines along with the humans who operate them. Had Marilyn failed, it might have been in order for Sports Illustrated to run a picture of Lake Ontario as "The winnah and still champion."

## MRA Claimed Solution To German Admittance

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Thursday Moral Re-Armament is paying the way for bringing Germany into the Western European Community through treaties for that purpose are not yet ratified.

### Tourist Tito Sees Taj Mahal

AGRA, India (Reuters)—President Tito of Yugoslavia arrived here Wednesday by special train, visited and photographed the huge Taj Mahal temple, and then drove 27 miles to visit the 16th century capital of the Mogul emperor Akbar the Great. While there he saw five swimmers dive from the 80-foot high city ramparts into a deep moat.

The word hurricane developed from "huracan," early Portuguese term for Caribbean storms.

### Gloria Vanderbilt, Stokowski Split

## 'Poor Little Rich Girl' Leaves Symphony Conductor Husband

NEW YORK (AP)—After nine years, the end has come in the storybook marriage of the rich princess, Gloria Vanderbilt, and her aging prince charming, symphony conductor Leopold Stokowski.

Monday, only two days after Christmas, the 30-year-old Gloria took their two small sons and moved from the 15-room apartment she had shared with her husband, now 67.

Their marriage, which created a sensation in black New York, apparently was broken up by the loneliness of divergent careers.

Stokowski's international fame took him away on many tours. Gloria wanted to stay here and make a proper home for her two boys, Stan, 4, and Chris, 3.

Lately, while remaining in and near New York, her interest has turned to the theatre. Shortly she is to play a minor role in a show starring Franchot Tone.

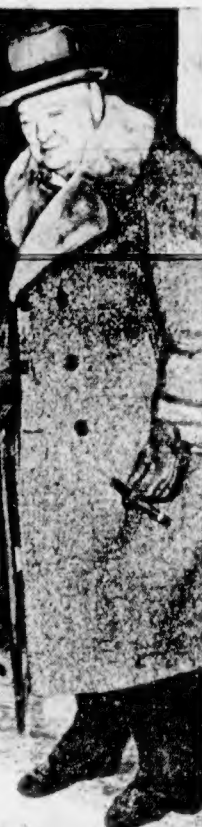
Neither Gloria nor Stokowski made public any reason for the separation. But Gloria told a reporter for the New York Post:

"For personal reasons, I have decided to live at the Ambassador Hotel with my children."

"When I can amplify the situation I will."



LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI  
... sour note.



Dressed elegantly from his hat to his monogrammed slippers, Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill appears in vigorous health as he celebrates the holiday season at Chequers.

### Garden Notes

## Helpful Tips About Violets

BY M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS.

I think it is about time we had another little talk about African violets. As almost everybody is growing them, some indoor gardeners seem to have phenomenal success with them, while others just can't seem to get them to bloom, and are troubled constantly with the lower leaves rotting off.

First of all, let's take a look at the soil mixture. There are more formulas published than you can shake a stick at, with pinches of this and dashes of that—you'd think you were a Cordon Bleu chef preparing a dish of bouillabaisse!

NOT THAT FUSY

Actually, African violets are not that fussy—if they were, they wouldn't be growing so well in every second home on Vancouver Island. If you have a mellow, rich vegetable garden which has been manured regularly, a potful of soil from it should suit the plants to perfection. If it seems heavy and sticky, add some coarse sand. If it appears a bit too sandy and light, add peat moss, leaf mold, or shredded cow manure.

If you don't have a well-worked vegetable patch to supply your potting soil, buy a plastic bag of the prepared stuff sold at the corner store.

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## Shows Vigor Leaders Survey Future

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent said in a new year's message Thursday that Canada is blessed with almost unparalleled material well-being which justifies our optimism about the future.

Mr. St. Laurent said the new year will bring blessings and problems which again will challenge Canada's material and spiritual resources.

"But with God's help and with the goodwill and a desire to live in harmony as one family, I am confident that we shall meet the problems that it brings."

With Parliament reassembling January 7, he appealed to Canadians to pray for divine guidance for those entrusted with the country's business so that they may act with "humility and wisdom."

Governor-General Vincent Massey also sent greetings to his fellow Canadians. In a New Year's Eve message he said each year sees Canada grow in strength.

A short message from Postmaster-General Cote emphasized the need that Canadians work closely together to maintain their unity.

Mr. St. Laurent's message said 1954 has brought Canada new international responsibilities.

Opposition Leader Drew, in a message from St. Adèle, Que., said Canadians enter the new year with more real hope than we have known for two decades.



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## Stay-at-Home Sitters Find Business Slack

Baby sitters in Victoria who offer to take care of children in their own homes and provide television and one or two meals for \$5 are going without jobs for New Year's Eve, biggest night of the year in their "profession."

The only organized baby sitters child care in your home for \$5 and has been booked up for one month; but private enterprisers who will take children into their homes for the same price can find no takers.

"I guess a lot of people will decide at the last minute," one woman who offers TV, games, a playpen and one meal said yesterday.

MAXIMUM \$10

Only a few sitters ask more than \$5, with the maximum price \$10, although some feel the right price is \$5 per child.

Of those sitters who will go outside their homes, some will not leave their district and others request taxi transportation home after a certain hour.

Some sitters stipulate that they will wash dishes; "stay at home" offer the assistance of their husbands in the big job.

Many parents have called in grandmother or the regular sitter; others will take their children to the home where the party is being held, put them to bed and take them home when it ends.

However, most parents said, "That's pretty hard on the youngsters."

Mrs. Eunice Lindgren, head of the Child Care Service, 521 Seven Oaks, said business is no greater than at other New Year's Eves, but added that her 25 sitters are not enough to meet the demand from regular customers.

The sitters are experienced and have raised their own families, and do not take children into their homes but go to others. Mrs. Lindgren said the sitters are driven home, "we hope not later than 4 a.m."

THREE OF HER OWN

But the woman offering TV, games and a playpen, who asked \$5 per child, said she had three children of her own and would take care of five or six more.

"I guess I like children," she said, adding her husband shares her view.

Some husbands of would-be sitters are working at night, but a few felt that they went out last year and should help other parents this time.

One woman said she would care for a "reasonable" number of charges from "after supper until after lunch, if necessary," and for "only \$3 a child."

## Weather Forecast

December 31, 1954

(Government Forecast)

MONDAY

Variable cloudiness, with a few scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Winds southwesterly 15 to 20 mph. Sunshine 10 hours. Precipitation, 42 inch.

Saturday outlook, look, occasional rain by evening.

RECORDED TEMPERATURES

High Thursday.....38

Low Thursday.....41

FORECAST TEMPERATURES

High Friday.....46

Low Friday.....42

SENIOR AND JUNIOR

Senior 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with occasional showers. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 15 to 20 mph. High at Nanaimo, 46. Saturday outlook, rain by evening.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with a few showers. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 15, occasionally 25. High at Estevan, 46. Saturday outlook, rain.

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Looking after the children will be an all-night job tonight for many Victoria baby sitters, including Deanna Pizag, 15, above, as parents welcome 1955 at parties which may not end until dawn. Many youngsters will follow the example of three-year-old David and five-year-old Cathy Lowther, who creep out of bed as the year ends to hear the whistles, bells and a favorite story.

A young married woman en- the others, had no takers. "Lots of people will decide at the last minute to go out," hour after breakfast, but like she said, "I hope they pick me."

### To Mark New Year

## Old Europe Plans To Kick Its Heels

By Reuters

A joyful round of parties, fireworks, singing and dancing will see the old Europe kicking its heels like a new world youngster tonight as it welcomes the dawn of a new year.

With drinks ranging from schnapps in Oslo, vodka in Moscow, scotch in Glasgow, champagne in Paris, beer in Berlin and spumante in Rome, young and old alike will toast 1955.

Iron Curtain countries join in the fun as the Communist rulers let the people go in for drinking and frivolity to welcome the new year.

About the only spot where there is no general celebrating is in England where many have to work the next day. There will be some private parties and the usual celebrants will gather in Piccadilly Circus.

Everywhere else it's anything goes. The young Swedish girl places candies beside her mirror as the clock strikes 12, in the hope of seeing the face of her future husband.

Holland will celebrate the turn of the year with fireworks, bonfires and traditional doughnuts and hot wine punch.

Paris goes all out, with "sold out" signs hanging from every club and bar.

The Swiss Alps will seem afire as thousands of skiers flash down the slopes with blazing pine torches in their hands.

TEMPERATURES (To 4.30 p.m.)

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Montreal.....18 28 22

Ottawa.....16 29 20

Toronto.....31 36 18

Port Arthur.....4 13 21

Winnipeg.....10 20 10

Brandon.....8 9 10

Regina.....18 4 05

Saskatoon.....18 0 00

Prince Albert.....22 3 00

Edmonton.....14 21 16

Calgary.....26 36 18

Vancouver.....27 48 76

Victoria.....27 36 35

Seattle.....41 44 40

Portland.....45 50 60

San Francisco.....45 55 60

New York.....42 50 130

## Tax Bill Paid By Firm

WINNIPEG (CP)—Three Greater Winnipeg firms listed by an Exchequer Court verdict of judgment in connection with the 1954 tax bill.

Taxes are continuing to "operate as usual," and one firm said it has paid its bill.

Edna Treppel, vice-president of the firm of Stolin, Faust and Treppel, St. Boniface live-stock commission agents, one of the three firms named in the Exchequer Court judgment, said Thursday business is continuing as usual.

The other two are the St. Boniface Abattoir Ltd. and St. Boniface Hide and Wool Co. Ltd. President of all three firms is listed as Harry Fainstein.

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# Labor Leaders Call For Creation Of More Jobs

OTTAWA (CP)—Leaders of Canada's two largest labor bodies Thursday urged measures to create more jobs in their annual congresses.

The messages came from Claude Jodoin, president of the 580,000-member Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and A. R. Mosher, president of the 375,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor.

"In domestic affairs," Mr. Mosher said, "one of the most disturbing factors as we enter the new year is the army of unemployed workers. The situation is again becoming extremely serious, and there is little if any prospect of adequate action by the various levels of government to bring about an improvement."

"The need for a clearly defined and planned program of economic activity, under which the skill and energies of the workers would be utilized to produce the goods and services necessary to provide a high standard of living, seems to be recognized by almost everyone except those who have the authority and ability to put such a program into effect."

Public works were needed, and governments should give leadership to industry, he said.

There can be no excuse in Canada," Mr. Mosher said, "for unemployment of serious proportions, and while there are a number of factors responsible for unemployment in any particular industry, it should be evident that part of the blame must be laid upon our haphazard methods of production."

Mr. Mosher added that if Canada's resources and productive capacity were efficiently used, she could give considerable

## LABOR WAS RIGHT

TLC president Jodoin in his first new year's message—he was elected last summer—said labor efforts during the last year to warn the federal government of the seriousness of the unemployment situation have been shown to be correct.

"It is encouraging now to find that our representations are beginning to bear fruit," he said. The TLC was aware of efforts being made by the labor department to reduce seasonal winter unemployment.

"At the same time," he added, "we must not lose sight of the fact that many thousands of our workers are unemployed and their families are suffering hardship and frustration."

Everything must be done within our power to help these people if we are to remove from our economy the continuous threat of unemployment. Let us all agree once and for all that full employment is possible and that, with full and willing co-operation between government, management and ourselves, this goal can be attained.

Meanwhile, he said, the TLC will press for the federal government to take responsibility for the relief of unemployed who are capable of working.



A. R. MOSHER  
... "Situation serious."



CLAUDE JODOIN  
... "Thousands suffering."

# Inner Harbor Barred To Chartered Seaplanes

The federal department of transport has banned the use of Victoria's Inner Harbor by seaplanes on charter flights. The Daily Colonist learned, last night.

## AIRLINES BLOCKED

The ban was disclosed in a department ruling which barred, using the Inner Harbor as a base for a projected Victoria-Vancouver seaplane service.

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# U.K. Move Helps Canadian Export

OTTAWA (CP)—Britain has decided to boost the number of British shops would soon forget items which she allows in them and start buying a different variety. Exports are

imported from Canada and the United States under the token pealed for small import quotas import scheme, effective next month.

The additions include such items as outdoor motors, portable electrical generators and industrial work gloves. All of which may be helpful in increasing Canadian exports to the overseas market.

The token import scheme was developed in 1946 when Britain imposed stiff import controls on a number of dollar-area goods because of a dollar shortage.

British consumers, not seeing their products before the British buyer.

Britain agreed. On a number of items, she allows imports up to 30 per cent of the average amount shipped to her in the previous year.

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## For Playing New Year's Morning?

# Party Sounds for Sale Include Drilling of Tooth, Cry of Pain

PARIS (NANA)—A firm has been opened here to help Parisians celebrate the holiday season by providing them a background of "suitable" noises.

Jean Thevenot, boss of the company, explained it is in the service of "anybody in need of noises"—which, he pointed out, can add a lot to a party's atmosphere. "Choose your noise ready-made," says the company's seasonal catalogue.

For \$1.85, a lonely diner can obtain a festive, busy air by playing the record listed as representing a "300-seater restaurant with shouted orders to kitchen," or "a Burgundian banquet with songs, laughs, shouts,

applause, trumpets and horning horn." Thevenot said he had traveled widely to secure noises catering to all tastes and seasons.

Included in his "general" catalogue: "The cry of the laughing hyena," "Sounds of bear growling while drinking milk," "Baby of six months crying," "Gorilla shaking its cage."

As an example of how his wares should appeal in harsh as well as hearty seasons, Thevenot pointed to an item prominently billed in a catalogue advertisement: "Drilling of a tooth with, at the end, the patient's cry of pain—guaranteed genuine."



## NEWS REVIEW

By Ron Ellis

### From CP, AP, Reuters, BUP

Negotiators attempting to settle the Ontario strike of Ford Company workers have recessed their talks until Monday. The week-end break-up was believed to indicate that enough ground has been covered to give union representatives something concrete to take back to home base for discussion.

The London Evening Standard thinks links between the Commonwealth and Britain may be weakened unless the government gives more active encouragement to emigration. The paper says "among all the countries of the world none offers greater opportunities than Canada."

An Egyptian mother of three Thursday night denied Cairo newspaper reports that her police captain husband is planning to marry Vancouver-born movie star Yvonne de Carlo. "It's not true that my husband divorced me and that he's going to marry Yvonne. I am still getting love letters from him," said Mrs. V. Alah Sayed Ahmed. The newspaper Al Akhbar said Ahmed was divorced and fell in love with Yvonne who was in Egypt last month making a film.

Another London dispatch says the government, hoping to avert a general rail strike, has opened a court of inquiry into railmen's grievances. The railmen have threatened to strike January 9 unless they get more pay.

Ottawa reports the British West Indies likely will remove restrictions on imports of lumber from Canada and the United States next month. It is understood negotiations to remove the curbs are nearing completion in London.

Diamonds valued at nearly \$300,000 were lost in the crash of the British Overseas stratorcruiser at Preswick on Christmas Day. The diamonds, apparently in registered mail. A post office official says, however, no claims have been made as yet.

Kathy Archibald, Kelowna's Lady of the Lake, who went on to win the "Miss Canada" title, has decided to give up her career as a veterinarian. Kathy's mother says her daughter's eventual goal is journalism but she may tour Europe to broaden her knowledge first.

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## Europe Marching in Step

LOOKING ahead, the action of France yesterday in assenting to full participation by Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of herself in the Western European Union could prove to be the real turning point in the economic revival of Europe and the composition of its age-old animosities. A Germany that will lay aside aggression, a France that will no longer fear her more populous neighbor, and the concurrence of both in sharing the natural resources of both lands are tremendous steps forward toward the genuine peace of the world. For yesterday's result in the French Chamber not only Premier Mendes-France but also the balanced and moderate majority in that Assembly have won the praise of the free world.

The roots of most political actions are grounded in human feelings. It cannot have been an easy decision for France to have made, one which will see arms go again into the hands of an erstwhile aggressor across a border that remains unchanged. Yet by every sign that one may point to and by every known test of human reactions this was a far-sighted move for France herself and first of all its importance to West Germany was as crucial; without the full accord of western nations Germany could not have found her way alone into the comity of co-operating nations. It is this accord, this

mutual acceptance of the responsibilities along with the benefits, which gives every hope for a solid recovery of Western Europe to a stable and bright future. Europe again is marching in step, something it has not done for more than a century.

World reaction to the endorsement by France of the basic principle of the several treaties, which will go forward now to the Parliaments of the other signatories, was immediate. From London, Washington, Ottawa and all around the western hemisphere messages of congratulation poured in on Premier Mendes-France. From West Germany issued perhaps the most sincere reaction of all—a humble acknowledgment of this gift of trust, with all that it means for the future welfare of Western Europe.

Although Canada is not involved in the WEU pacts, as a member of NATO it is directly concerned. Hon. Lester B. Pearson said the obvious thing for this country when he welcomed the decision of the French Assembly warmly, and went on to say: "We must now prove that the rearmament of Germany... within the context of NATO and Western European Union... will help to associate Germany with the free western world in such a way that peace and security will be strengthened." There is the crux of the matter: the removal of some of the age-old causes of war.

## 'Out of Control'

A STATISTICAL report on the causes of motor vehicle accidents to hand from an Ontario authority lists the largest number of serious crashes on the open highways under "car went out of control." This is an inaccurate description since it somehow implies, no doubt unintentionally, that the drivers whose cars "went" out of control were the victims of bad luck. Except in rare instances of a wheel coming off or something like that, cars do not go out of control. What happens 99 times out of a 100 is that the driver loses control through his own fault, and almost invariably through excessive speed.

A motorist drives too fast for the prevailing conditions of road or weather. Suddenly a situation—unsuspected curve, bump, pothole or the appearance of another vehicle—confronts him and he finds to his horror that he cannot cope with it. In a split second he has lost control and the car overturns into a ditch or slams into something that reduces it to wreckage, often with fatal results to himself or other people. The Americans have coined a phrase to describe crashes of that sort: the driver ran out of road.

To list such accidents under "car went out of control" is not an excuse but an indictment.

It is significant also that the Ontario report shows that the majority of drivers so involved are young people in their twenties. They are the most dangerous drivers, to others as well as to themselves, because they are so sure of themselves and of their superior skill that they look with disdain on the old fuddy-duddies who approach a blind curve sensibly and are content to poke along at the 50 miles an hour allowed by the highway code. When to the over-confidence of youth is added the exhilaration of liquor the resultant mixture creates peril every moment the driver is behind the wheel.

Seasonal warnings about drink and driving have been repeated often enough in recent weeks to have served their purpose. However, at a time of year when traffic is heavy and road conditions may be poor, all who are tempted to drive fast—including those who do not drink at all—need to keep in mind the safety rule about always driving in such a manner that the car can be kept under control should an emergency arise.

## Population Trends

ONE may note interesting population facets from the statistics included in the year-end report of the trade and industry department. The provincial count of human heads now shows British Columbia to have within its borders 1,266,000 persons, a gain of slightly more than 100,000 in the last three years. Curiously this almost parallels the rate of population growth between the census periods of 1941 and 1951, so that while industrial enterprise has boomed in recent years the province is doing no more than holding its own in the matter of population gain. The growth since 1941, however, has been much more rapid than in preceding decades.

It is not surprising that this province has a larger percentage of individuals over 65 years of age than the national average, 13 per cent to 8.5, this being a haven for retired people to spend their remaining years; but it must be remembered that they are no deterrent to provincial prosperity for many derive incomes from outside B.C. and thus contribute substantially to the provincial economy. This age group is also well offset by the 27 per cent listed in the under 15 group. In addition the province has a larger proportion of persons between the ages of 25 and 44 than does the Dominion as a whole, so that at present and in the near future the working force compares favorably with other provinces.

Over all, however, the percentage of young people—those under 24 years of age—is less for B.C. than for Canada, 40 to 45 per cent as estimated by the latest gathering of figures. This disparity seems likely to be righted at a not far distant date as the province continues the development now moving at a swift pace. Even as they stand, however, the latest figures point sharply to the increasing importance of B.C. in the national scene.

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## Interpreting the News

### Reds Busy Everywhere

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

Associated Press Foreign News Analyst

THERE was danger in Indo-China last spring that an eight-year-old little war would burgeon into a big one. Without the consent of the Soviet Union it could not have been stopped. It was stopped.

But the Communists at Geneva drove a hard bargain, swallowing half of Viet Nam and 12,000,000 people as their price for ending the fighting. In the non-Communist half, chaos in the wake of French colonialism left the country in such confusion that there was grave danger of the whole nation passing into Red hands in another year.

To the south in Indonesia, the Communists adopted a program of patient waiting, insinuating themselves into positions of influence with the present Nationalist party government, attempting to orient the country toward the Red bloc.

Thailand worried about the long-range effects of Red rule in neighboring North Viet Nam, about the 50,000 Vietnamese refugees within Thai borders who would not go home and about subversion from all sides.

The Thais joined Pakistan, the Philippines

and Malaya, mostly in name. Japan and Formosa had to be excluded. India, Indonesia and Burma shunned the alliance lest its ties bring war to the Asian continent.

In Europe the problem of Trieste was solved by turning one zone over to President Tito's Yugoslavia and the other to the Italians. But Tito was causing concern. First, Moscow, no longer his sworn enemy, wooed him passionately. Second, he journeyed to India and Burma in what looked like a bid to become European spokesman for world neutralists.

The West suffered a sharp setback in Europe with the defeat of the European Defense Community. The substitute plan of a Western European Union ran into some rough sailing in Germany and France as Soviet propaganda guns threatened Eastern mobilization to counter Western unity.

The Communist world was defeated in Iran by the success of joint British and American efforts to solve the violent oil nationalization issue.

But the Soviet Union was not idle in any of these places. Its diplomatic and subversion offensive was on a global scale.



"Thanks to your master escape plan, we missed a jolly good concert in the warm."

—London Daily Express

## Thinking Aloud

"... of shoes—and ships—and sailing wax—of cabbages and kings."

By TOM TAYLOR

IN passing I remarked yesterday how mysterious was the surge of gladness when the time comes to ring out the Old Year and bring in the New. What is there to be glad about?

One more is also one less, you know, and December 31 rolls around with alarming frequency.

Hope is at the root of our New Year celebration; hope and discontent. Few of us can be entirely happy else we would not wish our lives away as we do. Happy I mean in the sense of savoring, prolonging every given moment of time. This is probably too much to expect in an age where helter-skelter is the motif, yet each sunrise is the herald of another gift.

We get one every day and what do we make of it? Not enough to make us regret rather than rejoice when New Year's Day arrives.

There must be discontent therefore with the year we are almost ready to kick out. A divine discontent perhaps since we are as we are and each year-end finds us in the same inhospitable mood.

Strange that we so mismanage our daily heritage. One can look back over the year to note how much time was plainly wasted, how many opportunities were left ungrasped, how foolish has been our speech and behaviour on many an occasion.

Perhaps it is we are so ashamed we want the memory of the old year cast, like the calendar, into the limbo.

But more likely it is the hope each New Year brings which occupies our thoughts to the exclusion of all others. Hope; the eternal star of expectation. Listen to the poet as he unwraps its cover:

A flower unborn; a book unread;  
A tree with fruit unharvested;  
A path untrod; a house whose rooms  
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;  
A landscape whose wilder borders  
In silent shade neath silent skies;  
A wondrous fountain yet unsealed;  
A casket with its gifts unsealed—  
This is the year that for you waits  
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates.

That quiets the heart, does it not?

Even though the snowstorm of little white vows we shall invoke is, in the main, a vain thing. Some people are born to luck, it has been said, but most of us must make our own good fortune; although I fear we sit too much on our haunches instead of helping it to arrive.

It is a human trait however to look to the future with bright hopeful eyes, and not one without its saving grace. Some at least of the spirit of the festive season is apt to linger on, lighting a torch in the human heart.

I went to the Throne, with trembling heart;

The year was done.  
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?"

I have spoiled this one!"  
He took my year, all soiled and blotted.

And gave me a new one all unspotted,  
Then into my tired heart He smiled:  
"Do better now, my child!"

I quoted that lovely verse a year or two ago, but like New Year its turn has come again. So has mine, to wish my readers well, albeit I am a day ahead of the calendar. Not that I am unduly impatient for the end of 1954, simply that I shall not gaze down on you from above tomorrow morning. In slight advance therefore may I say, heartily: A Happy New Year to you all.

## International Commentary ...

### Experiment in Co-Operation

By W. N. EWER, from London

THE third annual report on the working of the "Colombo Plan" has just been issued. Its official title is "The Third Annual Report of the Consultative Committee on Economic Development in South and Southeast Asia."

It may be as well to recall what this organization is; why it is, even officially, called for short the "Colombo Plan."

The "Colombo Plan," the purpose of which is international co-operation in the economic development of the free Asian countries, is an outcome of the new structure of the British Commonwealth, which came into being when the three Asian states of India, Pakistan and Ceylon—formerly parts of the British Empire in India and of the British Colonial Empire—had become free and independent partners in the Commonwealth.

The first Commonwealth Conference to be held in Asia met in Colombo in the early days of 1950. And it was at once agreed that one of the most important problems for the Commonwealth governments was a co-operative effort to aid its Asian members both in their economic recovery from the strains and stresses of the war period and in their longer term economic development.

That was an idea which had already fired the imagination of the then British foreign secretary, Ernest Bevin. Over and over again I had heard him talk of the world importance of the stability and prosperity of what he called the "great arc" of countries—many of them in the Commonwealth—which range around the waters of the Indian Ocean. Britain would do all it could to help them. But Britain alone, with her economy strained to near breaking point by the great effort of the war, could do little single-handed. There must be a co-operative effort.

The response was immediate. Bevin, I still think, gave the initial impulse

to this, as to so much else in those late years of his life. But the equal conception of the Colombo Plan came from two other Commonwealth ministers—Senanayake of Ceylon, Spender of Australia.

The concept was straightforward and simple. The Asian members of the Commonwealth—India, Pakistan and Ceylon and the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, and British Borneo—would work out their own development programs. On the basis of these they would consider what help, either financial or technical, they could give each other. And the non-Asian members—the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand—would give what "external aid" they could. It was, in the beginning, a purely Commonwealth scheme for co-operative planning and mutual assistance.

But it was realized from the beginning that, if the objects of the plan were to be achieved, it could not be limited to Commonwealth countries. The problems to be solved were common to the whole of South and Southeast Asia. So the non-Commonwealth states were told that their full co-operation would be welcomed. They readily responded. Burma, Indonesia, Nepal, Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, Thailand, Japan and the Philippine Republic have all joined. And the United States has come in as a contributor of "external aid."

That is in itself something of very great importance. The Colombo organization (starting with the Commonwealth countries) has become the one system in which all the countries of South and Southeast Asia without exception work together in close co-operation. It may have in it the germ of something even more significant.

What of the actual achievement since work really began in 1951? The report of the Consultative Committee, which met this year in Ottawa, is a very detailed one. There have been disappointments, failures to reach perhaps too optimistic targets. But "it is in the main the record of

a year's substantial progress; and it is a measure of the success of the plan that such progress, and the co-operation between the member countries which makes it possible, are now taken for granted."

The financial and economic difficulties have been formidable. Nevertheless, the Asian members "have been able to spend 27 per cent more on development in the last year than in the preceding year."

They "have responded to the spur and the challenge which those difficulties presented. They are aware that the main burden must be borne on their own resources, though external aid can do much to smooth and accelerate the progress towards a higher standard of living. But they have come through the initial difficulties not as isolated entities but as members of a great and growing partnership animated by a common purpose and increasingly conscious of each other's problems and aspirations."

Those words, from a report approved unanimously by all the governments of South and Southeast Asia, represent in themselves a not inconsiderable achievement. The Colombo Plan, now in operation for three years, has already become something far greater and more significant than I think, either Bevin or Spender or Senanayake foresaw in January, 1950.

## The Packsack

OF GREGORY CLARK

IF an intruder enters your home, I don't waste time facing him. As he comes in one door, you go out another. And skip into the house next door and dial police.

Two women were watching television after dinner when there came a ring at the front door. One of the ladies answered, and a tough stranger simply pushed in and shut the door. It transpired later, from footprints in the snow, that the intruder had come around the side of the house and looked in the window long enough to figure the risk that nobody but the two women was home.

He picked a candlestick off the mantel, and with this for a weapon, he threatened the women into going ahead of him from room to room as he ransacked the house for articles of value he could put in his pockets, and for the money he got from purses. He then locked the two in an upstairs room and made his escape at leisure.

"What you should have done," the police explained to the ladies, "the minute that stranger pushed through the door, you should have darted for the back door or side door, the location of which you knew and he didn't."

"If he chased me..." enquired the one who answered the door. "Then the other should have darted out the front door," said the police. "I know most ladies are paralyzed when things like this suddenly occur. But there are two good rules to remember about crooks. They are terrified of noise. And they are terrified of sudden action. If you had suddenly run, he would have supposed you were running for the man of the house, who might have been in the kitchen. If you had screamed, he would have gone out that door like a bat, because he would suppose the man of the house, weighing three hundred pounds and carrying a shotgun, would come bounding down the stairs."

"Crooks," said the police, "are more scared of screams and women running in all directions than they are of us cops."

## Common Discourtesies

(From The Calgary Alberian)

RADIO stations, in their mad rush to make brevity their soul of commerce, have unfortunately fallen into a sloppy habit of slurring names and omitting prefixes of prominent people, thus demonstrating a lack of common courtesy.

Every hour, and for several minutes in between the hour, we are assailed with such jarring phrases as "Mendes-France," "Churchill," "Eisenhower," and even St. Laurent.

Surely these men, so distinguished in world affairs, are entitled to the proper prefix before their name, even though it may cost a few valuable seconds of air time.

These men should be addressed as "The Hon.", "The President", or "The Prime Minister".

But, we repeat, radio stations develop, probably unwittingly, sloppy habits, and, particularly, slopping

editing. Still, even in their haste, all stations in Calgary were very careful to emphasize a prefix in their headline newscasts during the day—Dr. Sam Sheppard, of Cleveland, a man convicted of murdering his wife.

Radio stations get nearly all their news from the various wire services, which, of necessity, "trim" all material.

That is done, however, merely to "put the story" before the proper authorities, who, in turn, should make whatever changes are necessary.

The radio people should never lose sight of the fact that they are dealing with the public—and the public demands the proper respect for world leaders.

Radio is still in its infancy of thought in some respects and could absorb some interesting lessons.

## Fun, Fact and Fiction

Who remembers when you could finance a pretty good Christmas for what it costs just to wrap, light and decorate one now?

Florida citizens were shocked by a billboard showing Santa Claus drinking a bottle of beer. However, it would have made a wonderful excuse to be able to tell the children that Santa didn't show up on account of Dunking a drunkometer test.

A child psychologist says that homes that are too strict are just as bad as those that are too lenient. And parents who try to be moderate will probably be accused of being too far in the middle of the road.

A California official blames juvenile delinquency on homes with "too many late-model cars," but fails to specify how many would be a safe number to have.



# New Year's Present Includes Kim Novak

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Holly- agree upon is that the new star wood's New Year's present to of the year will be blond Kim Novak, the return of the "B" hope.

Movie-goers also will see more "pre-sold" pictures—successful novels and plays. With One 1955 event observers keep potential customers at home—pre-sold film titles—



KIM NOVAK

## Flip of Coin Decides Seat

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Abraham Sigman became the official winner of a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives through the flip of a coin Wednesday. Republican Sigman and his Democratic opponent, incumbent Alphonso Parlante, agreed to take a chance after their race in the possible to secure data beyond city's second legislative district ended in a tie vote. Sigman won the toss.

a safer bet for Hollywood. Lined up for movie release in 1955 are such novels and plays as "Tea and Sympathy," "Marianne," "Not As a Stranger," "The Rose Tattoo," "Giant," "Mister Roberts," "Oklahoma," "The Seven Year Itch," "East of Eden," "The Long Grey Line," "Picnic," "Pal Joey," "Guys and Dolls," "The Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Vagabond King," "The Bridges of Toko-Ri" and "Moby Dick."

**ANTIQUITY PLOTS**  
During 1954 the 10 major releasing companies turned out 233 films, compared to 200 in 1953. The emphasis was more stars, longer pictures, wider screens and better stories, although in many cases plots were as antique as ever.

But exhibitors complained they didn't have enough pictures to fill their theatres. Some threatened to produce their own product. Thus in 1955 lower-budget quickies will be turned out by independent producers to fill the gap.

A gradual relaxing of censorship, pleaded for by movie-makers to compete with more adult foreign films, also has been noted, but not officially admitted. Observers predict pictures will be even more adult this year. Most of Hollywood's 1955 films will be in super-wide-screen systems and in color. A few producers will stick to black-and-white screens.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Harvard College observatory is building a new radio telescope which will be the largest in the United States. The present, incumbent Alphonso Parlante, agreed to take a chance after their race in the possible to secure data beyond city's second legislative district ended in a tie vote. Sigman won the toss.

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## No Business Like This



A scene from the outstanding new Irving Berlin musical "There's No Business Like Show Business," in Cinemascope and color by De Luxe, now at the Royal Theatre. Stars of this heartwarming story are Ethel Merman, Donald O'Connor, Marilyn Monroe, Dan Dailey, Johnnie Ray and Mitzi Gaynor.

## City Crest Not Lost—Just Never There

OTTAWA (CP)—The city commission's district administrator in London, showed not only no deterioration but no crest on the Vimy memorial, said Mr. Dixon, commission official, said Wednesday an overseas check shows it was never there in the first place.

"We'd like to know where it is," he said. "We can't find it in November, basing it on a report from an Ottawa citizen."

A check by Alan Chambers, who had visited the memorial.

## Knows Inside Story

## Military Historian Had Access to Secret Files

Reginald H. Roy, MA, Victoria College lecturer for a 10-week evening division course on Canadian history, is not just a book soldier although he has read plenty of books.

A staff member of the provincial archives in Victoria, Mr. Roy was formerly with the historical section, Canadian Army Headquarters in Ottawa. That's where he read the books—and wrote them, too.

JOINED AT 16  
But he joined the army at the age of 16 in 1939 and served six years through Italy, France, Belgium and Holland with the Cape Breton Highlanders.

While working in Ottawa after receiving his master's degree from the University of B.C. in 1951, Mr. Roy had the chance to see some of the most top secret documents to come out of the Second World War—diaries, messages, letters and logs of some of the senior officers in both the Allied and German forces.

Their contents must remain locked in his mind, as they are in Canadian headquarters, but the knowledge of Canada's war records, especially in the two world wars, equip Mr. Roy well to teach a course dealing with one of the most colorful of military histories.

Mr. Roy joined the headquarters historical section as a lieutenant, and worked under Col. C. W. Stacey helping to write the history of Canada's contribution in the Second World War.

After that he became military archivist in charge of documents at the dominion archives in Ottawa. The material he handled there was from the War of 1812-14 until the South African War.

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## Silent Americans Favorites

LONDON (Reuters)—British moviegoers prefer mature, strong and silent American actors to any other kind of stars, a national poll shows.

Alan Ladd, James Stewart and Gregory Peck rate as 1954's top three box office attractions in an annual survey of British theatre owners. The fourth biggest draw was the comedy team of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

A British member of the strong, silent tribe, Jack Hawkins, took fifth place. Comedian Danny Kaye always a great favorite here, was sixth, followed by Burt Lancaster.

Doris Day, the only woman in the top 10, was eighth. Ninth was British star Dirk Bogarde, with British comic Norman Wisdom 10th.

Her brother Michele, angered at all this attention, antagonizes the whole neighborhood, is caught by a voluptuous siren gets into a grand Brannigan at a wedding celebration, and later fatally stabs his sweetheart when she accuses him of not really loving her, but of jealousy.

His sister, Annina, takes a turn for the worse. She gets approval for her great desire, to become a nun. Michele bursts in on the ceremony as she is taking the veil, but the ceremony is carried to conclusion just as Annina dies.

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## New Menotti Opera Effective Despite Some Dramatic Flaws

NEW YORK (UPI)—An elemental story of individual tragedy, and exaltation among New York Italian-Americans is told against a deeply religious background in "The Saint of Bleeker Street," Gian-Carlo Menotti's newest "music drama" which opened at the Broadway theatre this week.

Musically, it is Menotti's most ambitious work; dramatically, it is effective much of the time despite certain flaws.

The production is superbly played and sung by a first-rate cast of singing actors who were cheered resoundingly by the first-nighters at the final curtain.

The plot concerns Annina, a sickly and religious young woman whose vision of the crucifixion and subsequent appearance of the stigmata on her hands makes her a parish celebrity.

Her brother Michele, angered at all this attention, antagonizes the whole neighborhood, is caught by a voluptuous siren gets into a grand Brannigan at a wedding celebration, and later fatally stabs his sweetheart when she accuses him of not really loving her, but of jealousy.

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## Drew To Miss House Opening

OTTAWA (CP)—Progressive Conservative leader George Drew probably will not attend the January 7 opening of Parliament.

The physician said the opposition leader may not resume his full duties until about February 1.

"There is nothing wrong with him, except I don't want him rushing back to work and getting overtired," the doctor said.

Mr. Drew, 60, left hospital December 8 after a month of meningitis.

Hon. W. Earl Rowe, deputy opposition leader, probably will act for Mr. Drew until the latter is able to return to the Commons.

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## Cadet Corps Development Being Recorded on Film

A unique film record of an army cadet corps from the time its members first stumbled on parade in civilian clothes until they attained a high degree of perfection in drill, is being assembled by Victoria Movie Club.

The unit is the 119th Cadet Corps, sponsored by the parent 119th Regiment of Artillery and by the Independent Order of Foresters.

Colin Fensham, Don McLeod and other members of the movie club began shooting films of the cadets when they appeared on their first parade, October 9, 1953, in charge of Lieutenant C. A. (Cye) Burley, commanding officer.

The film shows them progressively sharpening their drill. It also shows arms training, uniforms being issued, flag ceremony, the cadet band, and cadets at play.

Outstanding member of the corps on its first parade was Douglas Nex, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nex, 1544 Burton. His previous experience in the 75th cadet corps enabled him to give an example to the others.

Now he is a craftsman in training in the regular Canadian Army, on leave from the REME apprentice training company at Kingston, Ont.

**TEST SCREENING**  
He was able to look at the movie of himself and his former cadet comrades, when Lieut. Burley gave it a test screening at his home. The movie is not yet edited. It will run for ten minutes, and will be shown to other cadet groups and all those interested in youth training.

Nex, now only 16, gives high praise to the cadet corps for making his entrance into army life smoother. He said it prepared him for army discipline, and provided him with knowledge of drill and wearing a uniform, and a smattering of training in the use of arms.

Before he joined the regular army, he was one of the cadets chosen from Victoria to attend a seven-week camp at Vernon.

"Because I was in the cadet corps doesn't mean I'm any smarter than anyone else," he says. "But when the other recruits were bewildered, I was more or less on my way."

"For instance, when a sergeant just asks you to do something, some of them figure 'Oh, he's just asking us, so I won't bother.' But I know he means it."

"When some of the fellows first put on army boots, they can hardly lift their feet. But if you've been in the cadets, you're used to boots like that."

And you know how they say adolescents are awkward. Cadets straighten them out."

While going to school in the army, learning to be a master mechanic, Nex is also receiving a general academic education.

**FOR TRAINING**  
Cadet corps are not primarily for boys intending to join the army, but for training all boys in discipline and good citizenship, said Lieut. Burley. However, those who do enter the army find a cadet background valuable.

Second in command of the 119th is Lieutenant F. N. Fotheringham.

HALIFAX (CP)—More than \$3,900 was raised in the annual appeal over radio station CHNS here for the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.







# Rebuilt Plymouth Proves: Out of Evil Comes Good

PLYMOUTH, Eng. (NANA)—In nine years since the end of the Second World War, Plymouth has risen out of the dust and ruin caused by Hitler's bombers to become one of the finest rebuilt provincial cities in Europe.

But Plymouth is growing up again—a bright new city of modern buildings and wide streets lined with flowers and shrubs replacing the huddle of twisting narrow streets of the old city.

Month by month the pattern of the new city takes clearer form; Plymouth is an example of the old saying that out of evil comes good.

In 1946 war-battered Plymouth began to grow again out of its ruins. The first buildings rose, the first wide roads were laid, and the lawns alongside them. Sometimes the building slowed, but it never stopped. Today it is progressing at a faster pace than ever.

First the houses were built, then the office buildings. But of course a city must have its civic centre, and that's the thing Plymouth is most concerned about today.

Concerned, because it is not quite sure whether it is going to be like the history, glass-sided pocket edition of the United Nations Building in New York

which, it is planned, will be going up five years hence. Because there is nothing in Plymouth, the city that saw Drake go to sea to fight the Spanish Armada.

The civic building will be in the centre of Plymouth, a shining landmark from every corner. No other building in the city is more than five floors in height.

From the centre, the business of this city of 219,000 people will be administered. It will be a very fine building, housing 10 of the city's administrative departments—a monster glass sandwich glaring over nine acres of lesser buildings, law courts and a square of trees and ornamental sculpture.

It will replace a late 19th century Gothic-style temple which was the administrative hub of the city before the Luftwaffe smashed it into rubble.

But there are plenty here in Plymouth—the older people—who remember the old city and think that nothing, no matter how magnificent, can ever replace it.

## Egyptian Welfare Official Here To Observe Canadian Methods

Social welfare ideas that Ali Fahmy discussed in Victoria yesterday afternoon while a cold wind splattered rain on the windows may find their way into the sun-filled lives of people in Egypt.

Head of the financial inspection division that supervises private social agencies in Egypt, Ali Fahmy is on a two-week visit to Vancouver and Victoria, studying provincial and civic welfare services and financing.

The visit is part of a tour during which he will make studies in Canada, the United States and Britain, with the aid of a United Nations fellowship.

His dark, friendly eyes flashing with enthusiasm, Ali Fahmy told of Egypt's progress in social welfare administration.

largely carried out by private agencies with government grants, "and with all the women working on a voluntary basis."

His own work, he said, is to evaluate the programs of welfare agencies and recommend grants. The private agencies must have government permission to raise funds.

"Egypt is going ahead very rapidly in welfare and economics," he said. "I hope to use some of the procedures I studied in Canada and England, and I want to praise the high standard of public welfare activities in Canada, and the activities of the Community Chest."

Beyond speaking glowingly of Egypt's beautiful modern cities, education system, thriving in-

## Welfare Cheques Increase

Federal welfare payments in B.C. jumped to a new record total of \$68,950,796 during 1954, W. R. Bone, regional director of the department of national health and welfare, announced here last night.

The total of family allowances and old age pension cheques was more than \$4,000,000 over the 1953 total of \$64,807,425.

Mr. Bone said \$41,876,236 was paid to old age pensioners and \$27,074,560 in family allowances.

He said 6,025 families receiving the allowance moved to B.C. from other provinces while 5,032 families left B.C. Pensioners moving into B.C. totaled 1,345, while 1,109 moved out.

During December, \$2,313,645 was paid in family allowances on behalf of 382,387 children in 186,421 families.

Old age pension payments of \$3,575,137 were made to 89,058.

## In City Churches Sunday

# New Year Opens with Week of Prayer

The Universal Week of Prayer will be observed in Victoria this week.

Meetings for Christians of all denominations will be held in the Central Baptist Church prayer rooms from 2 to 3 p.m. each day beginning Sunday.

Short addresses will be given on the theme "Person and Work of the Holy Spirit of God."

In addition, the five local assemblies of Christian Brethren are uniting in a week of prayer to be held in Victoria. Gospel Hall, Pandora Avenue, each evening from Monday to Friday between 8 and 9 p.m.

Regular monthly meeting of the Greater Victoria Sunday School Teachers' Association will be held in the Cathedral Memorial Hall, Vancouver Street, Tuesday at 6 p.m.

A New Year's Eve Watch-Night service is scheduled for St. John's Anglican Church to be held at 11.15 p.m.

Rt. Rev. J. Lewis McLean, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will leave for Formosa Monday.

He will be heard in St. Andrew's Sunday morning when his topic will be "What to Expect in 1955." In the evening he will preach in West Vancouver Presbyterian Church.

He will then leave by plane to visit the Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

Church services Sunday: Anglican

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# First Annual Commercial Bonspiel Winds Up



First annual commercial bonspiel wound up at the Victoria Curling Club last night with Ross Brown's Dockyard rink scoring the most one-sided victory in the five days of play in winning the secondary event with a 20-2 win over Alex More. Members of the winning rink are, left to right: Ross Brown, skip; Mrs. Jean Campbell, lead; Norm Redfern, second, and Alan Crouch, third.



Winning the primary event and the Victoria Curling Club Trophy was a B.C. Electric rink skipped by Dunc Coughlin. He downed Paul Wells' Garden City Grocery rink of the Wednesday Commercial, 11-5, in the final. Members of the winning rink are, left to right: Coughlin, skip; Bill Purdy, third; Doreen Purdy, second, and Mrs. Lil Greves, lead.



Top honors in the consolation event, for second-round losers in the primary event and first-round losers in the secondary event, went to a Wednesday Commercial rink skipped by Gar Taylor. He whipped Pat Baggett's Wednesday Commercial quartet, 11-4, in the final. Members of Taylor's rink are, left to right: Taylor, skip; Russ Baldwin, third; Ron Webster, second, and Walt Du Russel, lead.



## IT BEATS ME

By Jim Tang

Johnny Mitchell, scout for the Detroit Red Wings, is looking at Western Hockey League play. He was at Memorial Arena Wednesday night but didn't get a chance to see much with the Cougars and Royals both below usual form. Mitchell said that two former WHL players, Vic Stastuk and Marcel Bonin, were doing a good job for the Wings and was, of course, pleased when someone told him that the Edmonton Flyers had most of the NHL prospects in the WHL. The Flyers are Detroit's farm team.

Kenny MacKenzie, co-owner of the New Westminster Royals, admitted before Wednesday's game that he had made a mistake in letting the Cougars trade him out of Pete Durham. That was quite a confession for the wily Scot but he was about the last to make the obvious observation that the Cougars made a good deal in giving up Sam Bettio for Pete. The suspicion here is that MacKenzie is starting a campaign to get Pete to want to come back to New Westminster. Edmonton Flyers will be much harder to head off now that they have defenseman Keith Allen from Detroit in exchange for youngster Ed Zenk. The Wings probably just want to take a look at Zenk and may, as Billy Keay believes, eventually call up Hugh Coffin, who is having an excellent season. In any case Allen will help the Flyers. He is a top-notch center. A recent check showed that 53 of the 105 players carried by NHL clubs were born in Ontario. Only two, defensemen Jack Evans and Ivan Irwin, of New York Rangers were born outside of Canada. Evans was born in Wales and Irwin in Chicago.

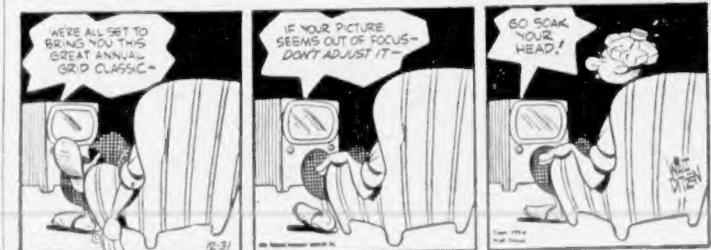
Fred Pike has been timekeeper at Detroit Olympia for 22 years. In the 36 games played so far, the Cougars have allowed only 28 goals in the first period, blanking the opposition 20 times in the first 20 minutes. They have yielded 31 goals in the middle period and 47 in the last period. On the other hand, the second period has been the Cougars' worst. They have only scored 35 goals and have been scoreless 17 times in the middle 20 minutes. By contrast, they have scored 38 goals in the first period and 52 in the third, in which they have been blanked only seven times.

One of the year's sports oddities took place in East Lansing, Michigan, last week in a basketball game between Michigan State and DePaul Universities.

DePaul was leading, 76-73, when Michigan State was called for fouling Ron Sobieszczyk in the last second of play. Two apparently meaningless free shots were awarded just as the final whistle blew. But Sobieszczyk walked over and shot them at the wrong basket. He missed both and if it didn't make him a hero, his inaccuracy saved him from being a goat. Had he scored one, overtime would have been necessary. Two for two would have won for Michigan State, 77-76.

Molly Mapes, ex-Victoria tennis bowler, was really finding that 13 pocket Monday. He won the qualifying round of a Vancouver match-play open tournament with 1,222 for six games—233, 203, 193, 230, 181 and 182. . . some idea of modern basketball can be gleaned from a sentence picked out of a Seattle paper: "Idaho, under Harlan Hodges, new coach of the Vandals, lacks a big man and will depend on Jim Sather. . . Sather is only six feet, five inches tall—just a little taller. . . Ted Williams, it's said, is worrying a bit about his last season. It would hardly be fair stating that 1954 was to be his last season. It would be fair to state that he is playing another season giving his reasons why he decided to play another season, then collect \$100,000 in salary from the Boston Red Sox. The fellow has got a good thing if he knows it. . . Victorians responded nobly to the Ken Griffin Fund and the decision to try and purchase a home for the polio victim is a wise one. That way Ken will have some lasting benefit. Congratulations are due to the committee and city sports followers who made this happy Christmas for the Griffins. . . Vancouver Canucks have been unable to sign Frank Ashworth, who has been suspended by Calgary Stampede. The Canucks are also trying to purchase Rags Raglan, former NHL defenseman with Detroit and Chicago, from Buffalo. . . for those who have asked Arnold Riegger, one of the world's great trapshooters, was selected as the man of the year in Seattle sports. He was the standout candidate, having won almost every possible honor in his field. . . to correct an error, the Western Hockey League record for shutouts is seven, not six. It was set last season by Calgary's Bill Brennan, who, incidentally, still hasn't got his first blanking this season. . . Coast clubs hold the edge in WHL inter-sectional play. Not counting last night's game at New Westminster, teams from the eastern half of the league have won 19, lost 17 and tied nine games. . . New Westminster's Royals owe their top ranking this season to their ability to win away from home. They have managed to pick up 18 points out of 17 games. Edmonton has 15 points from 15 games, Calgary 11 from 18, Victoria 12 from 17, Vancouver seven from 17 and Saskatoon five from 17.

## FAN FARE



## Coughlin Rink Wins Primary In First Commercial Bonspiel

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Last night's three finals brought to a close one of the most successful bonspiels ever staged at the Victoria Curling Club, a total of 74 rinks starting play last Sunday. About 200 spectators watched the three games last night and saw some interesting curling, although all of the victories were decisive.

Wells, who gained the final Wednesday night with a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over Dick Pick after scoring four in the final end to win his quarter-final game, scored in the first end but didn't count again until the sixth when he trailed 8-1.

Brown, curling exceptionally well and getting solid support from the three other members of his rink, counted in eight of the 10 ends played, winding it up with a five-ender in the 10th end.

Taylor held a 3-0 lead after two ends, but Baggett tied it up with two in the third and one in the fourth before Taylor pulled slightly away.

Commercial League rinks took six of the 12 prizes that were presented at a dance following the conclusion of play. All semi-final rinks in each of the three events received prizes.

Ernie Gordon, bonspiel chairman, introduced representatives of all the commercial leagues. Victoria club president Gerry Laufer, Bear Adair, J.C. Hibbard, FOPC provincial secretary Wesley Black and others were present.

Wants No More

"Australian tennis wants no more of him and his methods," the Daily Mirror said, "Let him stick to his tennis writing."

The newspaper blast at the controversial Hopman came after the formal Davis Cup dinner Thursday night. Both the U.S. and Australian squads were guests at a restricted affair attended by political leaders and tennis officials.

The Daily Mirror attack on Hopman said: "Now that the Davis Cup is lost and Australia is seeing the tennis perspective clearly, it is time for an overhaul."

The first job should be the removal of Mr. Hopman from the official scene and with him his petty tyrannical methods of putting grown men to bed at nine or 10 when they want to do something else, and his childish system of fines for anything he deems a misdemeanor."

Meanwhile, the Melbourne Daily Argus printed an editorial praising Hopman's ability, and the London Star urged Australia to think twice before "putting their greatest pilot over the side."

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District Soccer

Heaneys of the Victoria and District Football League's first division will meet Butlers of the second division in an exhibition match Sunday at Beacon Hill Park at 2.

## Aussie Paper Blasts Cup Team Manager

SYDNEY (AP)—The Sydney Daily Mirror, in a biting editorial, yesterday called for the removal of Harry Hopman as captain and manager of the Australian Davis Cup tennis team and for an end to his "petty, tyrannical methods."

## Speaking Briefly

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Dr. Roger Bannister, who ran the first four-minute mile and then defeated Australia's John Landy in the great mile race at the British Empire Games at Vancouver, Thursday was named Britain's sportsman of 1954.

## Hockey Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Buffalo 6, Providence 6.  
College Invitation  
St. Francis Xavier 3, Yale 1.  
ONTARIO JUNIOR "A"  
St. Catharines 4, Hamilton 3.  
SASKATCHEWAN JUNIOR  
Saskatoon 3, Humboldt 5.  
OKANAGAN SENIOR  
Vernon 4, Kelowna 3.  
ATLANTIC COAST  
Moncton 6, Charlottetown 3.  
Antigonish 4, Fredericton 10.  
NORTHERN ONTARIO SENIOR  
Burlington 1, North Bay 4.  
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
Ottawa 4, Grand Rapids 4.  
WESTERN JUNIOR  
Medicine Hat 4, Lethbridge 3.

## Rocket Has Hat Trick; Wings, Rangers Win

HOW THEY STAND

Team	W	L	T	P	GP	PTS
Montreal	22	9	4	1	36	48
Detroit	21	11	4	2	38	46
Toronto	19	16	3	2	40	41
New York	18	17	3	2	40	39
Boston	16	18	5	1	40	37
Chicago	14	21	1	4	40	30

Last night's scores: Chicago 4 at Montreal 7, Toronto 1 at Detroit 4, Boston 4 at New York 6.

Next game: Saturday, Detroit at Montreal, Chicago at Toronto, New York at Boston.

By The Canadian Press

The fabulous Maurice Richard fired three goals Thursday night to lead Montreal Canadiens to a 7-4 National Hockey League victory over Chicago Black Hawks in a wide-open game.

It was the 22nd three-in-a-goal feat of the Rocket's NHL career and brought his total to 40. He also boosted his goal total for the season to 29.

While Richard was pacing the league-leading Habitués to their victory in Montreal, Detroit Red Wings turned back Toronto Maple Leafs 4-1 and New York Rangers trounced Boston Bruins 6-1.

Jean Beliveau counted twice and added three assists for the rampaging Montreal team and single goals went to Bernie Goffredo and Geoffroy, and defenseman Doug Harvey. Jack McIntyre counted twice for the tail-end Black Hawks and Eddie Litzenberger and Dave Creighton fired singles.

When the Rocket banged in his third goal the crowd of 13,885 went into a frenzy, losing hats, programs and rubber shoes to the ice. Even a leather wallet—probably empty—came flying out.

Geoffroy scored his 23rd goal of the season on Ken Mosdell's pass after McIntyre had grabbed a loose puck to beat Montreal goalie Jacques Plante. Then Richard trapped a pass from the Chicago defense for his first counter. Harvey went in alone on Bert Olmstead's pass to make it 3-1 for Montreal before Creighton fired home a solo drive.

Richard scored in the second on Beliveau's set-up and Litzenberger on Red Sullivan's pass. In the final Beliveau scored on Olmstead's rebound. Richard once more on a difficult angle shot before McIntyre banged his second on a combination play with Creighton and Lou Jankowski.

CLUB RECORD

Gordie Howe, the nonchalant giant of the Red Wings, became the club's greatest goalscorer in history, ending a pair of 15, in victory to pace Detroit to the victory in the motor city over the league-leads.

The goals were the 25th and 25th of Howe's nine-year career.

Howe scored twice in the first period while the Maple Leafs were short-handed, for his 12th and 13th tallies this season.

It enabled him to break a three-way tie with teammate Ted Lindsay and Bill Mosienko of Chicago.

The victory moved the Red Wings four points ahead of the Maple Leafs.

Midway in the final period, rookie Parker MacDonald averted a shutout by rifling his seventh goal on a perfect pass from George Armstrong.

THREE GOALS

Dean Prentice banged home three goals as the Rangers snatched a 14-game winless streak in whipping the Bruins at Madison Square Garden. The victory moved the Blueshirts into fourth place ahead of Boston.

NO FOLLOW-UP

However, he said, the western league never followed it up and the Big Four felt there was no sense in making a deal unless all of Canada's leagues were in on it.

"I respect the fact that clubs need some protection, on such as the option clause, but I also think it's very unfair to the players," Robertson said. "Once

THIRD PERIOD—4, Detroit, Boston (Prentice) 4-2, 3, New York, Macdonald (Armstrong) 4-1, 2, Philadelphia, Gump 1-0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 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## SPORTS REVIEW

By Jimmy Cannon

There was an impulse to tell Sandy Koufax to describe it exactly as it is. But because Sandy is 18, there is a tendency to talk about it with an elaborate reserve. That makes it innocent and harmless but it is not what he had let himself go and not allow himself to interfere with the truth.

It happens to few and it never occurs again. So the tendency was to advise Sandy Koufax that a sportswriter would understand it if he made it big, because it is. There are so many years for a guy to be sedate and rational. But Sandy, who lives in Bay Ridge, was courteous and aloof and hid his enthusiasm.

This is a sort of Christmas story because Sandy Koufax, a Brooklyn kid, has been paid \$20,000 to play baseball for the Dodgers.

I wanted to say it's all right, kid, do a little hollering about it. You're entitled to swagger and drop a couple of silly opinions and give yourself the best of it. You have that privilege when you're 18 because they'll take it away from you before you know it.

Chances are in a couple of months you'll be pitching left-handed to Willie Mays and Stan Musial and there will be no sympathy for your youth. But Sandy Koufax doesn't know what a thrill it is to be 18 and no one ever does until they look back. So he was polite and sensible and didn't attempt to gag it or dramatize it.

Maybe, if it works, Sandy will have an 18-year-old kid remembering the first game he attended at Ebbets Field. It is the way a player's reputation lives, not in record books or histories or guides that tell you how to play the game.

"Way back when Peter Reiser was playing," said Sandy, who was going to the University of Cincinnati when the Brooklyn Dodgers were playing the Phillies. Brooklyn was losing 10-0 but they won. Reiser hit a home run inside the park.

When Sandy was going to Lafayette High School, he played first base. That was the position he thought he was going to hold down, when invited to play with an amateur ball club called the Parkviews. "Instead the manager told me I was going to pitch. I pitched a three-hitter. I don't think I threw a curve all day."

So Sandy Koufax became a pitcher. "Before that I'd go out and throw once in a while," Sandy said. "Once in a while I'd hit in college if they needed a pinch hitter. I don't think I got a hit in high school playing first base. My average is somewhere in the .200's. I was captain of the basketball team at Lafayette. I played baseball because I had nothing to do. My friends played baseball and I took it up to be with them."

They heard about him in Brooklyn but last season at college the scouts followed him around and a lot of them made propositions.

"I talked to all of them," Sandy Koufax said. "Why did you choose Brooklyn?"

"Well," he said, "I don't know. I guess I liked the way they treated me. I figured it's home, anyway."

Pitching in the Coney Island league last summer, young Koufax was told that Joe La Bate, scout for the Phillies, was there to inspect him.

"It didn't bother me," Sandy said. "Yeah, I won. He asked me to come to a tryout in Long Island. I did. I pitched three innings but they didn't tell me anything."

"Did you look good?"

"I struck out nine men in the three innings."

"How have the neighbors acted since they heard about you signing?"

"I haven't been out much. I got some phone calls. Some make pretty stupid comments. You know like they borrow a couple of thousand or something. The people you want for your friends don't say stupid things. The real friends are nice."

"How do you feel?"

"I don't know. I can't get too excited. I haven't done anything yet. Maybe, in a couple of years, I'll make it."

Next summer, perhaps, the guys he regards with awe will be hitting at his stuff. Does he think about that?

"I've never thought about it. I never thought about it being that close. Maybe, I'd better. I saw Musial in an elevator in Pittsburgh once."



MARILYN BELL

## Marilyn Bell Awarded Trophy As Year's Outstanding Athlete

TORONTO (CP) — Marilyn Bell, a 17-year-old schoolgirl who last September became the first person to swim Lake Ontario, today was awarded the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's outstanding athlete of 1954.

Informed in Atlantic City, N.J., that she had won the award, the Toronto girl said she was "surprised and delighted."

"It's the nicest Christmas present I ever received," she added.

The deed of the trophy, in memory of the late Lou Marsh, former sports editor of the Toronto Star, says the judges are to pay particular attention to handicaps overcome in making the award to "the year's outstanding athlete, amateur or professional, male or female."

Many hurdles. In making the swim, Marilyn was handicapped from all sides.

When she set out from Youngstown, N.Y., the lake was rougher than usual. Also in the swim was Florence Chadwick, considered by many to be the world's leading mara-

thon swimmer. Miss Chadwick, along with Mrs. Winnie Roach, Lueszler of St. Thomas, Ont., and Calgary, later dropped out.

She started out with the "honor of no reward except the 'honor of Canada,'" Canadian National Exhibition officials, sponsoring the Chadwick swim, were decidedly cool toward Marilyn's attempt.

Miss Bell, barely more than five feet tall and not then 17

years old, fought the waves for nearly 22 hours while swimming an estimated 40 miles across the lake.

An estimated 100,000 persons crowded the waterfront at the exhibition grounds for a glimpse of her as she swam the last few miles.

What happened in the next few weeks endeared Marilyn to the public as much as her swim. Unaffected by gifts reaching an estimated \$100,000 in value, by motion picture and stage offers and by television and radio appearances, she returned as soon as possible to her normal life as a student at Toronto's Loretto College High School.

Two men shared second place in the trophy voting. They were Pat Fletcher, the Saskatchewan golfer who became the first Canadian to win the Canadian Open in 40 years, and Toronto's Rich Ferguson, who ran third behind Roger Bannister and John Landy in the British Empire Games mile.

Miss Bell becomes the fifth female winner of the award in the last 10 years. Golfer Marlene Stewart won it in 1951 and skater Barbara Ann Scott won it in 1945, 1947 and 1948.

The 1953 winner was world champion weight lifter Doug Hepburn of Vancouver.

Team manager Bill Murray has had the headache of fitting the temperamental toes.

"I should think more plaster casts of Shackleton's feet have been made than you see footprints outside Grauman's Theatre in Hollywood," said Murray.

At last, after 19 specially-made failures since 1918, when Shackleton joined the club, Murray thinks he's found a pair of boots to suit the super feet.

The new boots are made of soft calf belly leather, fitting the feet like a pair of gloves—no strengthened toe-caps for "shock."

Is football's funnyman worth all this bother? Most fans seem to think so. And his two professional transfer deals netted a total of more than \$33,000.

England's team selectors, however, frowned on his teasing tactics and dropped him for four years.

Shackleton, an individualist, may decide to play a one-man game, practically making the ball talk with his toes. The crowds love it, although it can be dangerous.

But November, 1954, saw him back on the national team that played Wales and Germany.

When he heard he'd been picked for England once more, Shackleton cracked:

"I'll be as long as I don't play my normal game."

LOES GETS PAY BOOST. BROOKLYN, N.Y. (UP) — Bill Loes, erratic young bonus right-hander was reported to have received a slight raise Wednesday when he signed his 1955 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

REMEMBER WHEN. New York Rangers set the longest, not-shutout record in the NHL, 117 consecutive games, before they were beaten 2-0 by Detroit 14 years ago tonight. The streak ended on the same New York ice where it started nearly 14 months earlier and counting playoffs the Rangers amassed 128 straight without a shutout.

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## Rich Ferguson Heads AAU's Roster Of All-Canada Track and Field Team

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rich Ferguson, named last week as Canada's outstanding male athlete of 1954, heads this year's All-Canada track and field team announced here Thursday by the national track and field committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

Ferguson, whose brilliant 40.6 mile at the British Empire Games placed him third behind Roger Bannister and John Landy, was chosen for both the mile and the 880 yards. He is from Toronto.

Eastern Canada stars grabbed 18 of the top positions on the men's and women's teams, while eight are from the west. The team was released by Fred Rowell, national chairman of the AAU track and field committee.

TWO-TIME WINNERS. Norm Williams of Toronto was the only other male athlete besides Ferguson selected best in two events, placing in the 120 and 220-yard low hurdles.

Diminutive Gerry Bemister of Vancouver was the only double winner in the women's events, leading in the 100 and 200-yard dashes.

220 Yards—1, Joe Foreman, Toronto; 2, Harry Nelson, New Westminster; 3, Don McFarlane, Hamilton.

440 Yards—1, Terry Tobacco, Cumberland; 2, Laird Sloan, Montreal; 3, Joe Foreman and Dick Harding, both Toronto.

880 Yards—1, Rich Ferguson, Toronto; 2, Bill Parnell, Vancouver; 3, John Moule, Hamilton.

1 Mile—1, Rich Ferguson, Toronto; 2, Bill Parnell, Vancouver; 3, John Moule, Hamilton.

Two-mile—1, Selwyn Jones, Hamilton; 2, Henry Kennedy, Toronto; 3, Doug Kyle, Vancouver.

Three-mile—1, Henry Kennedy, Toronto; 2, Doug Kyle, Vancouver; 3, Selwyn Jones, Hamilton.

Six-mile—1, Doug Kyle, Vancouver; 2, Selwyn Jones, Hamilton; 3, Lyle Garbe, Vancouver and Calgary.

Marathon—1, Barry Lush, Hamilton; 2, Monie Hillier, St. John's, Nfld.; 3, Keith Dunnett, Hamilton.

Shot put—1, John Pavelich, Vancouver; 2, Stan Raikes, Toronto; 3, Lions-Whitman, Montreal.

Discus—1, Roy Pella, Sudbury, Ont., and Calgary; 2, Stan Raikes, Toronto; 3, Ken Swallow, New Westminster.

Javelin—1, Paul Vuosoio, Oshawa, Ont.; 2, Bob Bazos, Toronto; 3, Ted Caddell, Vancouver.

Hammer—1, Sig Sigfusson, Winnipeg; 2, Stan Raikes, Toronto; 3, Bob Johnson, Haney, B.C.

Pole vault—1, Ron Miller, Toronto; 2, Bob Adams, Saskatoon; 3, Orlan Anderson, Vancouver.

High jump—1, Ian Hume, St. Lambert, Que.; 2, Dave Blair, Vancouver; 3, Vic Cassis, Montreal.

Broad jump—1, Graham Turnbull, Montreal; 2, Gord Brown, Toronto; 3, Ben Brooks, Cardston, Alta.

100 Yards—1, Gerry Bemister, Vancouver; 2, Ann Reid, Vancouver; 3, Annabelle Murray, Okotoks, Alta.

220 Yards—1, Gerry Bemister, Vancouver; 2, Diane Matheson, Saint John, N.B.; 3, Diane Parnell, Montreal.

80-Metre hurdles—1, Gwen Hobbs, Toronto; 2, Shirley Javelin—1, Shirley Couzens, Vancouver.

100 Yards—1, Shirley Couzens, Vancouver; 2, Marjorie Ashdown, Invermay, Sask.

High jump—1, Alice Whitty, Vancouver; 2, Carol Hemmings, St. Laurent, Que.; 3, Ruth Henderson, Kelvington, Sask., and Pat Walker, New Westminster.

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## Two Coaches Tell Of Beaten Handicaps

Two eminent sports figures fought a word battle at yesterday's meeting of Victoria Rotary Club.

They were Bruce Humber and Archie Mackinnon, both athletes, trainers and former Olympic coaches. They clashed in a story-telling contest, each trying to cap the other's yarns about athletes who made good in spite of handicaps.

Bruce Humber said that of all the champions he and Mr. Mackinnon had helped to train, they drew most pleasure from the ones who had to work hard to succeed under stern difficulties.

He spoke of a 10-year-old boy who was so severely burned when he tried to light a school stove with gasoline that doctors said he would never walk again. The boy wouldn't believe them. After undergoing skin-grafting operations, he painfully taught himself to walk, and then to run.

In 1935 he was crowned world's fastest mile runner. His name: Glen Cunningham.

Archie Mackinnon countered with the tale of a lad who was hit by a car when he was 12. As a result he was partly paralyzed, and one arm became 12 inches shorter than the other.

But the lad wanted to play golf more than anything else. After nine years of practice he made good: Eddie Furgol, who won the United States open championship this year.

"But many persons can't achieve fame or greatness," Mr. Mackinnon warned. "Fame is a fleeting thing."

He spoke of a small, half-paralyzed boy who is learning to swim at the YMCA. Although polio has robbed him of the use of muscles down one side of his body, he can now swim almost across the pool with a stroke which he devised for himself.

"One day he turned to me and said, 'Gee, Arch, this may be the answer to all my mummy's prayers.'"

Members of the Rotary Little League baseball team, their manager, Dave Glancy and coach, Jim McLellan, were guests at the meeting. Also present were families of Rotarians.



SOLUNAR TABLES			
According to the Solunar Tables calculated for this area, the best times for fishing and hunting for today, tomorrow and Sunday will be as follows:			
TODAY			
Time	Major	Minor	Major
11:30	4:30	11:00	4:45
TOMORROW			
Time	Major	Minor	Major
11:30	5:15	11:00	5:30
SUNDAY			
Time	Major	Minor	Major
11:30	5:45	11:00	6:00

## Race Results, Overnight Entries

## Santa Anita

First Race—  
Arline (Shoemaker) \$1.40 \$2.10 \$3.70  
Your Deal (Westgate) \$1.70 \$2.10  
Mum Deal (Tanguchi) \$1.40 \$2.10

Time, 1:45  
Also: Solid Flame, Rickles, Hoor, Top Performer, short side, Resurrection, Isakalle, Nic Lovens, King's Pass, Danice, Eric Kallins.

Second Race—  
Perola (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
John Butler (Shoemaker) \$1.40 \$2.10

Time, 1:11-5-3  
Also: Marvyn, Rafe Havel, Lady Kay, Dine, Admirals, Belle, Frank's Lark, Ernie Lady, Carol Queen, Miss Bully.

Third Race—  
Arline (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
Miss Glen-Ross (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10

Time, 1:24-5-3  
Also: Kense, Black, Martineux, Fleet, Asher, Flying Agent, Redwater, Big, Gert, Slye, Kink.

Fourth Race—  
Pay Section (Shoemaker) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
Big Success (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10

Time, 1:23-5-3  
Also: Aspendale, Membrillo, Timely, Burt, Cippi, Tover, Kink, Quick, Penny, Our Micht, Special, Capt.

Fifth Race—  
Kandace, Court (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
Blue Digger (Cork) \$1.40 \$2.10

Time, 1:43-5-3  
Also: Obed, Traps, Blue Shocker, Free Country, Kings, Hattie, Cinnamon, Slick, Race.

Sixth Race—  
Beas (Shoemaker) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
Beas (Shoemaker) \$1.30 \$2.10

Time, 1:20  
Also: Malcolm G. Jax, Toccin, June, By, Tuller, Fabulous Vega, Colonial, Mack, Westgate, Better, Not, Det.

Seventh Race—  
Miss Connelton (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
Auburn Lynn (Hewitt) \$1.30 \$2.10

Time, 1:46-1-3  
Also: Bubbly, Royal, Grace, Fairy, Dog, First, Baby, First, Kink, Crystal, Blue.

Eighth Race—  
Truck (Adams) \$1.30 \$2.10 \$3.60  
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Time, 1:41-5-3  
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## Expanding Twin Cities Press Ahead With Homebuilding Throughout 1954

PORT ALBERNI—Activity in home building in the Twin Cities was the highlight of 1954, with both cities opening new subdivisions to fill the demand for home-

Building permits totaling \$397,400 in Port Alberni and \$333,398 in Alberni reflected the interest in home construction. Only a small proportion of the permits were issued for industrial and commercial building.

Major contracts awarded in the district during the year were for Sprout Falls Bridge and the fishways at Stamp Falls.

The bridge was completed in July for the department of public works. The \$105,000 fishways project is due to be completed early in 1955.

There were more workers in

Land and air rescue crews brought out survivors of an expedition on Mount Septimus where Ralph Rousseau lost his life in a snow slide. A protracted

an RCAF plane and the bodies of four air force men on Mount Arrowsmith. And in November volunteer rescue squads brought Charles Faulkner of Victoria down the steep slopes of Mount Arrowsmith after he broke his leg at the 5,000-foot level.

November's news also featured a tragedy at Franklin River camp when two trainmen lost their lives as a logging locomotive plunged into the swollen waters.

This accident occurred only a few days after a young logger was swept to death when a

flood destroyed Arden Logging Camp building.

### BEST NEWS

Probably regarded as the best news story of the year by local

residents was the announcement that the long-discussed road to Tofino would be completed by 1956. There have been no further reports since the announcement was made in September. Figures supplied by Port Alberni Fire Chief William Venables showed the fire loss in the city was between \$35,000 and \$40,000, compared with \$18,000 in 1953.

Some \$3,000,000 worth of property was involved in 87 fire calls. Most serious fire was on November 9 when Port Motors building and stock was seriously damaged.

### Around the Island

## Lumber Exports Show Increase At Port Alberni

PORT ALBERNI—Lumber shipments from Port Alberni during December were slightly above the monthly average for the year.

Fifteen ships sailed during the month carrying a total of 14,065,330 board feet of lumber, 4,263 tons of wood pulp, 94 tons of plywood, and 321 tons of shingles.

The United Kingdom market took the major portion of lumber shipments with 8,794,000 board feet shipped on freighters Agia Thalassini, Sunrill, Billenby, Merchant Duke, Sunjarv, Lo-Chdee, Capira, and the Sun Valley. Of the pulp shipments, 1,264 tons were destined for the United Kingdom which also took 840 tons of shingles. The U.S. market took 4,204,660 board feet of lumber, 135 tons of pulp as well as shingle shipments from local mills.

NANAIMO—Directors and committee members of Nanaimo and District Credit Union enjoyed a gay holiday

### Noted Nanaimo Man Dies

NANAIMO—Victor Charles Mansfield, 66, a former president of the Brechin Ratepayers' Association, died at his home on Sunderland Avenue yesterday morning.

Mr. Mansfield was born in Victoria but moved to Vancouver at an early age. He was employed with the Vancouver Auto Towing Company but ill health forced his retirement in 1946 when he moved to Nanaimo.

He was active in community affairs and lived to see two of his hopes fulfilled—the amalgamation of Brechin with the City of Nanaimo and the start on a park and playground in the Brechin area.

He was a veteran of the First World War, serving overseas from 1914 to 1918. He was also a member of the Foresters' Lodge.

Mr. Mansfield is survived by his wife Constance, son Ray and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Heathcote, all of Nanaimo.

Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon from Westwood Chapel with Arch-

deacon A. E. Hendy officiating.

PORT ALBERNI—Postmaster Les Hamner reported Thursday that 233,000 letters and cards went through the cancelling machine during December with uncounted thousands being canceled by hand.

A total of 160,000 two-cent stamps in addition to thousands of other denominations were sold through the wicket. About 10,000 parcels were delivered to local residents.

LADYSMITH—Meeting of Ladysmith city council will be held Tuesday when Mayor Leonard Ryan will announce his committees for the year.

Inaugural meeting of the board of school trustees for District 67 will be held in the board room, First Avenue, also on Tuesday.

### Holiday Mail Sets Record

PARKSVILLE—The largest Christmas mail on record when through Parksville post office this year, Postmaster H. J. Parsley reported yesterday.

Although no actual figures were available it is estimated there was an increase of some 20,000 Christmas cards handled over the 1953 figure.

Parcels also hit a new high in quantity but despite the heavy load all mail was dispatched without a hitch during the season.

Only three items out of the many thousands handled will have to be sent to the dead letter office as undeliverable, said Mr. Parsley. As far as he knew, no parcels had gone astray.

Working with Mr. Parsley on the regular staff were John Lee, Mrs. Lillian Spooner, and Miss M. B. Fenwick, rural mail carrier. Additional staff for Christmas included Frank Sheldrake.

### Found on Stewart Island

## Body on U.S. Gulf Island May Have Drifted from B.C.

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said yesterday a decomposed body of an unidentified man recovered at Friday Harbor, Wash., in the San Juan Islands, might have drifted into American waters from British Columbia.

A duck hunter found the body on the north shore of Stewart Island, northeast of Victoria, B.C. Police said it probably was in the water for six weeks. The age of the dead

### To Attend Camp

CWAC members of militia units here will attend a summer camp to be held at Vernon August 22 to September 1. Courses conducted at the camp will include recruit training, refresher training, and NCOW courses.

## Good Intentions Pave Path to Jail

NANAIMO—Celebrating New Year's a little early and in the wrong place proved costly for Chester Newton.

On Wednesday night he wandered into the RCMP office to wish everybody the compliments of the season. The RCMP tried to persuade Newton to go home but he preferred to stay. So the police obliged by giving him overnight lodging.

Yesterday morning he appeared in police court and was fined \$5 with a 30-day suspended sentence.

### West Coast Project

## Tahsis Firm Gets License Approval

Final approval for a forest management license on an extensive West Coast of Vancouver Island tract was given Tahsis Company Ltd. by the provincial government yesterday.

It is the first to be approved since Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan was appointed a Royal Commission to survey the B.C. forest industry. This is the 19th such license to be signed.

It is one of 43 applications Premier Bennett said would be processed during the commission inquiry. The remaining 37 will be delayed pending the chief justice's findings and recommendations.

The Tahsis license covers a 192,170-acre area near Tahsis

inlet on the West Coast of the Island.

The company plans extensive new operations in the area around Nootka Sound.

The appointment of Chief Justice Sloan was greeted favorably by independent loggers in B.C. who have fought the forest management license system.

They disagree, however, with the continued consideration of any applications for forest management licenses. They have urged a total freeze order on all licenses until Chief Justice Sloan's survey is completed.

### Active in Community

## Frank Gray Retires From Company Post

SOOKE—Frank Gray, a well-known resident of this area, will retire today from the post of superintendent of the operations of Sooke Harbor Fishing and Packing Co.

He will be succeeded January 1 by Harold Pontius.

Mr. Gray was a charter member of the Sooke Community Association, being president for five years during the last war, and has been a director of the association since 1939. He has taken a prominent part in annual preparations for All-Sooke Day.

Born in Illinois, Mr. Gray

### No Flying Saucers

## Killjoy Shatters Dreams

LONDON (AP)—Several

hundred eager school children, many with dreams of wonderful inventions, heard a killjoy lecture Thursday by Dr. J. G. Porter, chief scientific officer of the Royal observatory at Herstmonceux.

He said there are no flying saucers.

He also said nobody would know how to steer a space ship, or tell how fast it might be going. He doubted whether the people on Mars are bright enough to make a flying saucer, even if there were such a thing.

He said it will be a long time, much longer than a year, before anyone travels to the moon.

"Nobody has yet been able to tell me how anyone in a space ship can measure speed, nor could space travelers tell which way they were going," Porter added.

### To Attend Course

Local militia members will be selected shortly to attend the Western Command winter welfare course which will be held January 17 to January 29 at Wainwright, Alta.

Subsequent two-week courses will be held February 7 to February 19 and February 28 to March 12.

Shop Friday at EATON'S for Holiday Needs

## SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S DELIVERY SERVICE

For the extra convenience of our customers...

anything bought Friday, December 31st, can be

DELIVERED ON THE SAME DAY

in the Victoria City Area!

## EATON'S has the Makings of a Great New Year's Eve



What would New Year's be without a party—what would a party be without a roistering welcome to 1955 sharp at midnight? On EATON'S Main Floor

you'll find all the trimmings needed to make your party a real success—and let the neighbours know it's 1955, too!

We list a few suggestions below:

Plastic horns in bright colours, each	15c	Paper horns with coloured tassels, each	10c	Paper hats of soft papers in assorted patterns, 2 for	15c
Wooden noise-makers, each	10c	Paper horns with balloons, each	5c	Balloons in many colours, each,	5c
Tin rattles, each	15c	Paper hats of hard cardboard in gay colours, each	10c		

EATON'S—Budget Bar, Main Floor, Phone 2-7141

## Glasses You'll Be Proud of

Check over your glassware now—make sure that you won't have to "fill in" with the bathroom tumbler! For all that you need in either crystal or glassware, visit EATON'S Friday.



Cut Crystal—Two attractive patterns, Sunray or Argyle.

Goblets, each	3.50
Claret, each	2.75
Wines, each	2.75
Sherbets, each	3.50
Plates, each	2.50 to 3.50
Cocktails, each	2.75
Liqueurs, each	2.50

Glassware—In many designs and shapes, including Snow-bell, Comet, Ducks in Flight, Mayflower patterns. Goblets, each 55¢ to 1.25. Wines, each 55¢ to 1.25. Sherbets, each 30¢ to 75¢. Liqueurs, each 55¢ to 1.25. Tumblers, each 30¢ to 95¢. Cocktails, each 55¢ to 1.25.

Other items you may need include:

Decanters, each	6.95 to 16.95
Cocktail Shakers, each	5.95 to 7.50

EATON'S—China Dept., Main Floor, House Furnishings Building, Phone 2-7141

## Shop Friday—Store Closed All Day Saturday, New Year's Day

## Clearance of Cotton Fabric Gloves

Save Friday on gloves in 3½ or 6-button length, kipp or brogger sewn—choose to suit your ensemble, from either black, brown, navy or white... 59¢

EATON'S—Gloves, Main Floor

### Blouses

Saleman's samples and broken colour and size ranges. Included are tissue failles, Dacrons, nylons and cotton, both short and three-quarter sleeve lengths. Sizes 12 to 20 in the group. Please, no telephone or mail orders. Special, each

1.00

\*DuPont's trade name for its polyester fibre. —EATON'S—Blouses, Main Floor

### Boys'

#### Wool Knee Socks

Have turnover top with contrasting designs—selling Friday at great savings. Navy, brown and grey. SIZES 9½ and 10 ONLY. Special, pair

19c

EATON'S—Socks, Main Floor

### First Quality Nylons

15 and 30-deniers in a broken range of sizes and popular colours. Sizes 9 to 11 in the group. Please, no telephone or mail orders. Special, pair

59c

EATON'S—Hosiery, Main Floor

### Clearance of Costume Jewellery

Boxed rhinestone sets of necklet and earrings or pin and earrings, to simulate amethyst, emeralds, sapphires, peridot or topaz. Greatly reduced for Friday selling. Special, set

1.75 and 2.47

### Leather Handbags

Soft, pliable Elk (trade name) leather styled in vanity, pouch, envelope or box style handbags. Choose red, black, brown, navy or tan. Special, each

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## Rotarians Play Host to Little Leaguers



Victoria Rotary Club welcomed members of its own Little League baseball team at luncheon yesterday. Clockwise from left: Dick Munn, David Brown, Brian Harvey, Phil Bower, Robert Martin, David Ross, Duke McKeown, John Harrison, James McLean.

Each: Dave Glancy, manager; Ray Peters, Eric Newell, Stanley Limerick, Vincent Pevens, Jack Inspey, Dennis Todd, Glen Crawford. Absent when picture was taken was Gordon Osborn. (See story on Page 1.)

## From 10 Cents to \$15, Plus

## New Year's Greetings Priced for Any Budget

Price of seeing the new year in tonight will vary from the cost of an extra cup of cocoa to \$15 for two tickets, plus corsage, taxis, babysitters, extra refreshment, bacon-and-egg breakfast and hangover remedy.

And in some cases, perhaps, plus \$250 for impaired driving.

Biggest party will be at the

Nevertheless, thousands of crystal globes where two Victorians will welcome 1955. Some will accommodate two persons in clubs and night houses, others in private homes, hotels, dance halls, restaurants, movie theatres and night clubs. Tickets sold for \$10 a couple.

About 2,000 Victorians will greet the new year in the city's major dance and dining establishments at a cost of around \$12.50 for tickets alone.

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## Wins Command



CMR. G. H. DAVIDSON

Commander G. H. Davidson, HMC's flag captain, is in command of the ship. He will be accompanied by a group of six officers, including the ship's executive officer, and a number of other officers. The ship is expected to arrive in the city on January 1.

In addition, a number of other officers will be on board. The ship is expected to arrive in the city on January 1.

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## Around Town

## Chamber Brief Asks New Look At Ferry Plan

Victoria Chamber of Commerce yesterday forwarded a brief to officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway urging them to renew their consideration of a fast, all-purpose ferry service between Saanich Peninsula and the Mainland.

Details of the brief have not yet been made public but it is understood that it requests investigation into possible alternatives to the current ferry service. The brief also gives reasons why such a service is essential for the Victoria area.

Donations to the TB Christ Seal campaign in Greater Victoria have reached \$14,943 and late donations are expected to push the total close to the year's goal, officials said yesterday.

## Frostbites To Race New Years

Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace at 3:30 p.m. Saturday will present a silver trophy to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club sailor winning the club's special New Year series of frostbite races.

Although the RYVC frostbite races have been racing every week end throughout the past several winters the New Year's Day regatta is an innovation, inspired by the large number of boats sailing this year.

Tomorrow's events will be held in Cadboro Bay with the first race timed for 1:30 p.m.

Wind conditions will govern the number of races that can be sailed in time to enable

## Head Bumped In Accident

Robert Coughlin, HMCS Sault Ste. Marie suffered a bump on the head in a two-car collision at 8:25 last night at Pandora and Broad.

City police said he was a passenger in a car driven by Frank D. Stuart, 1655 Pearl.

The other driver was identified as Edward O. Sage, 1426 Elford.

## Weatherman Says:

## Nothing But Showers For Balance of Year

A sixth of December's rainfall ran under Victoria's collars and down its noses and splattered its new Christmas nylons yesterday, but the weatherman showed little sign of relenting.

All he could forecast for the last day of 1954 and the first of 1955 was showers and occasional rain.

Rainfall yesterday totaled .42 inch, enough to make some Saanich fields into lakes and to form temporary ponds around one or two blocked city drains. But it brought precipitation for the month to only 2 1/2 inches, a long way from the all-time December record of 13.02 inches.

Today's forecast calls for variable cloudiness and a few showers, and the weatherman predicts occasional rain by evening for New Year's Day.

## President Reports Progress

## City Flying Club Soars To Highest Level Ever

A 35 per cent increase in membership in 1954 led the Victoria hours during the year without flying. Captain "Big" Arthur Nash, club president, said the club's membership had increased from 130 to 175 members, including 12 commercial and 21 private pilots.

In addition, 18 members of the RCAF reserve were licensed, four months ahead of schedule, receiving nine instructor ratings, five commercial pilot licenses and four private licenses.

Many of these licensees were employed as instructors, giving the club a total of 10 qualified in this field.

Previously only three instructors had been available.

TOTAL OF 25

Eight members of the Air Cadet League won private pilot licenses, making a total of 59 licenses issued under club supervision during the year.

The course will concentrate on day with a pleasant smile.

## Four Fined in Opening Move Of Trades-License Crackdown

Saanich municipality has started a drive for revenues from trades licenses, with prosecutions in prospect for at least 200 delinquents.

Yesterday the municipality struck its first blow against persons operating without trades licenses as required by by-law when four paid fines totaling \$82.50 in Saanich court before Magistrate Henry Hall.

But license inspector Roy H. Wootton warned that many more who are delinquent must pay their fines before January 15 or face prosecution.

## MAY NEED LICENSE

Moreover he said the little roadside trader, who sells his own fruit and produce, may eventually be required to take out a license. At the present time he can sell his own produce from a roadside stand without fee.

Finest yesterday were James McPherson, a painter, Kutra Singh, who has lumber from outland points and Alfred J. Wootton, a painter. They each paid \$25 fines. S. C. Dacey, a plasterer, was fined \$7.50 and costs of \$3.00. All pleaded guilty.

Municipal officials later said \$25 is the minimum fine under the trades license by-law.

STRICTER ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Wootton said the municipality intends to enforce its by-law more rigidly. The department will effect traveling salesmen, peddlers, peddlers of all sorts of goods, and persons taking business within the municipality.

A recent amendment to the by-law, however, permits anyone engaged in a private home and not for profit, to sell goods or services. A person engaged in business can be arrested on a warrant.

The license inspector said he expects to have a revised list of persons to be fined by law before court in 1955.

Some license fees will be increased and general clarification effected.

The revised by-law would be effective in 1956, Mr. Wootton said.

SAANICH LEADS

Saanich is the fastest growing section of the metropolitan area.

Recent Joseph Casey estimates the Saanich population has increased to at least 12,000 from 10,000 last year.

Victoria population is believed to have increased by 1,000 in the past year to a total of some 50,000. But city officials do not attempt to keep accurate track of growth figures.

Busy Esquimalt, which had an estimated population of 10,500 a year ago, expects to go over the 11,000 mark in 1955 if the current steady growth continues.

Pierre A. C. Warrille cites two main reasons for the steady growth in the city.

More and more people are coming to work at Vancouver Island and HMC's Association, and one of the most active figures in B.C. mining for over 40 years.

BORN IN BRANDON

Mr. Jones was born in Brandon, Man., took an active part in (financing a number of successful gold mines in the Yukon and in the St. Lawrence and St. Lawrence regions of B.C. during the '30s.

He was a member of the Vancouver Yacht Club and the group of prominent citizens who met in 1951 to discuss the "Round Table".

TENNIS PLAYER

Mr. Jones was an active tennis player and was a member of the Vancouver Tennis Club and played at various championship level.

Mr. Jones started a finance company of his own after leaving the Bank of Montreal and joined the Vancouver Stock Exchange in 1931.

TRIBUTE PAID

John McCreary, president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, said "I have played a significant part in the development of the general community of Vancouver and the Vancouver Stock Exchange and the mining industry."

He did much of his time to advance the development of the province, particularly during the depression, when the recovery of the gold-mining industry was helped to restore B.C. to prosperity.

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## Result of Head-On Smash



Saanich police considered this 1937-model car a total wreck after a head-on collision on Patricia Bay Highway last night during a heavy rain.

## Car Total Loss

## Four Slightly Hurt In Royal Oak Crash

Four persons escaped with minor injuries in a head-on collision on the Patricia Bay Highway last night that totally wrecked another car and badly damaged another.

Police investigations and show the accident occurred about 7 p.m. last night. Royal Oak Rural Road, near the intersection of Patricia Bay Highway.

A 1937-model car, estimated as a total wreck, was involved in the collision. The car was driven by a person whose name was not given. The car was estimated at \$200.

The injured persons were taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

## Malahat Steams Ahead

## New Captain Excited Over 1955 Prospects

A successful year behind him and exciting prospects in the year ahead, G. A. Victor Thomson, commanding officer of HMCS Malahat, has been promoted from commander to captain in the navy's semi-annual promotions list.

The existing prospects for 1955 stem from the recent calling of tenders for the conversion of the old dock systems building on Wharf Street into a new headquarters for the Malahat.

The new headquarters, Captain Thomson said last night, will provide a better location, and more space for the ship's administration offices and messes.

The better location is expected to result in better recruiting, he said, adding that he thought construction would take three or four months. "We might get into the building in April, but that's just a guess."

Captain Thomson said he was quite delighted with the new location, and that he was quite sure the new location would be a great improvement over the old one.

After the war he returned to the reserve navy and in 1952 became commanding officer of Malahat.

OTHERS ON LIST

Two other commanders became captains in the promotion list. They are Patrick J. Russell of Vancouver and Anthony F. Pickard, a native of Victoria, now commanding HMCS Avalon, naval establishment at St. John's, and naval commander for Newfoundland.

Other promotions are: To be commander, E. A. E. To be commander, S. W. J. To be commander, S. B. J. S. To be commander, R. J. S. To be commander, R. J. S. To be commander, R. J. S.

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## Lonely Freighter Remains

The German freighter Klaus, which was captured by the British in 1945, remains in the harbor of Victoria.

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## Beauty and You

By MARION MATTHEWS

Perhaps Santa Claus was and your make-up. It is the good to you and brought some light fragrance along with his gifts this Christmas. This is the time to be your best, and since you cannot open the door of using a good perfume now, but fragrant dusting powder, a dash of cream and a dash of rouge in matching tones, you probably save it for a special occasion. You have just completed the job of making yourself beautiful, and now you have the final touch to add. Wear enough perfume to fragrance. Keeping per enjoy it yourself, but don't fume near heat or light is abuse it. Practice so that you annoy others. Even harmful too. Perfume adds the final note the most desirable perfume can of femininity to your costume be overpowering.

## Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it necessary for the bride's family to make a wedding invitation to the bridegroom's parents?  
A. Most certainly. And separate invitations should be mailed to each brother and sister of the bridegroom, and to the same address as their parents.  
Q. If tea is served and a guest does not care for it, would it be all right for this guest to ask for a cup of coffee?  
A. Not unless the hostess asks if the guest prefers coffee. Otherwise drink the tea or part of it and express no preference.  
Q. What is the correct amount of a tip to a stewardess?  
A. Please do not offer any tip to the stewardess, the airlines having rules against this.

## Holiday Hostess



This is a simple afternoon dress suitable for informal entertaining during the holiday season. It has a small shawl collar in deep blue wool tulle. The rather full skirt has low Pan" in the traditional Christmas pantomime in London. (CP Photo)

## TV Personality



Blond Barbara Kelly of Vancouver has been chosen Britain's television personality of the year by London's Daily Mirror. Miss Kelly, who went to Britain five years ago with her husband, actor-comedian director Bernie Braden, "shows more real warmth and friendliness off the screen than any of her contemporaries," the paper said. She is appearing as "Peter Pan" in the traditional Christmas pantomime in London. (CP Photo)

## Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

**Tender Fowl**  
After a meal has been finished, rub the inside and outside thoroughly with a lemon before putting in the dressing. This makes the meat white, juicy and tender. Adding a teaspoonful of lemon juice or a table-spoonful of vinegar to the water when boiling also helps to make it tender.  
**Root Spots**  
Soot can be removed from a carpet or rug by covering it with dry salt, and working this around until it becomes solid. Then sweep up the salt.  
**Bitter Medicine**  
Pour a spoonful of sweet cream into the medicine and it will be taken readily by even a small child. A spoonful of cream taken before the medicine will rid the mouth of any unpleasant taste.

## Langford Man Visits Egypt

Mr. Theo (Test) M. Bayles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bayles, Langford, who teaches physics, science and physical education at the Anglo-American High School, is spending his Christmas vacation in Egypt and will visit Cairo and Luxor next summer for his vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and their two children who have been visiting at 284 Island Road, Langford, will make their future home in Egypt. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Foster of Fresno, Calif. have been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. W. Hicks Peatt Road, Langford. Mr. Geoffrey Horner who has been teaching in Abbotsford will take up his new duties as principal of Hartwood School in the same school district when the new term begins. He has been spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len Horner, Langford. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Rodgers, who spent the Christmas holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. (CP Photo)

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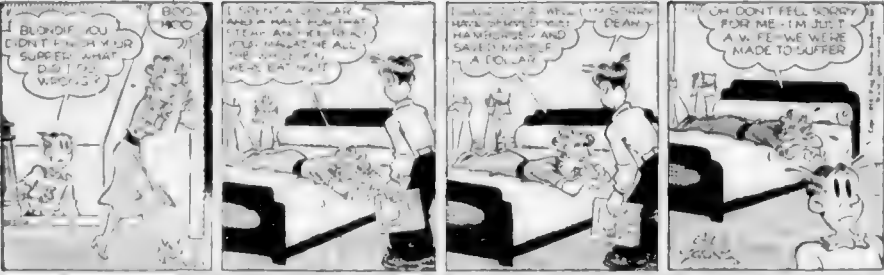








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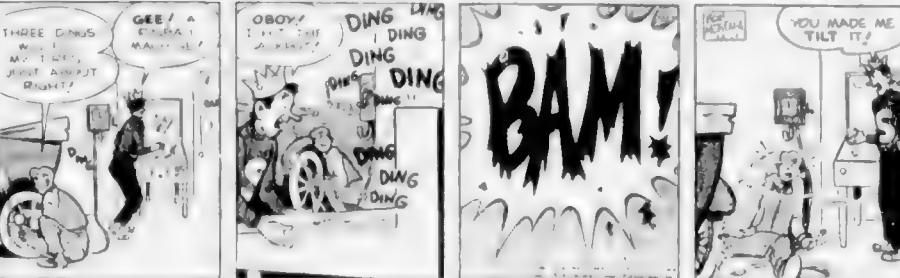
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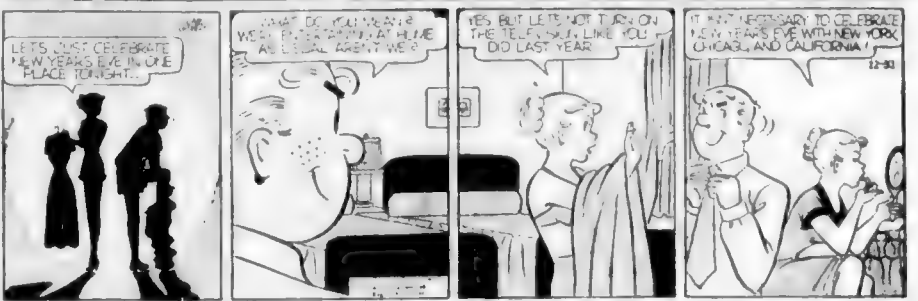
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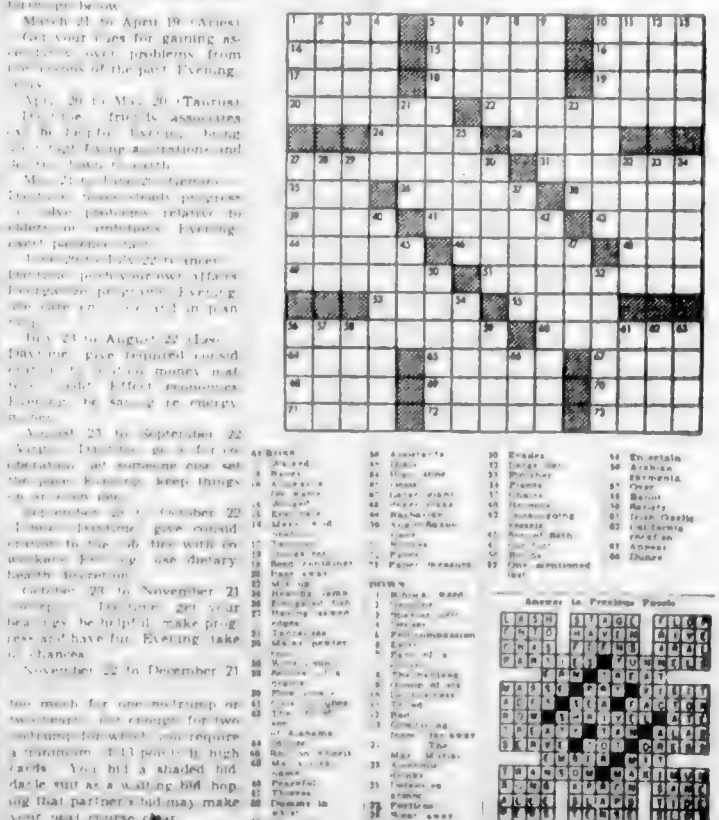
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Daily Astrology

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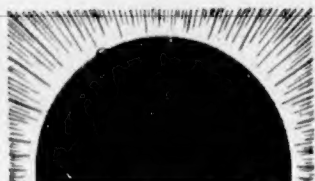
The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle











# PROPOSED JOBLESS SCHEME WINS PRAISE HERE

All Set for Tonight



Among busiest fingers in Victoria florists' shops yesterday were Joan Tanner's. She was only one of many contriving orchids and gardenias for belles of a dozen New Year's Eve parties. She wears her samples well herself.

## A 'Little Squeeze' Brings Divorce

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — A Copenhagen man has been granted a divorce because his wife always squeezed the toothpaste tube in the middle after he had carefully rolled it up at the end. The judge held that the wife's "offense" would not have been a ground for divorce, except that the husband had shown himself unusually sensitive about it.

## 'Outside' Too Tough

## No Place Like Pen Ex-Convict Finds

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—A 36-year-old ex-convict embarked on a two-year jail stretch Thursday after profitless breaks into a brace of banks to point up his yen for the pen.

Don Roberts of Sydney Mines told Magistrate John F. MacDonald that eight fruitless months of hunting for work convinced him jail was the place to be. The quest began when he returned here after serving 43 months in prison at Montreal for armed robbery.

Roberts said he reached his fateful decision Wednesday. First, he heaved a beer bottle through the window of a Bank of Nova Scotia branch and, in the dark, climbed through, cutting his hand in the process. He wandered around aimlessly, then, picking up a stool for future use, he climbed out through the broken window.

## U.S. Combat Power Not Hit by Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. defense department reported Thursday that in the two years ended last June 30 it cut military manpower strength by 9 per cent, all without weakening combat power.

The report was made to a House of Representatives civil service subcommittee headed by Representative R. J. Corbett (Rep., Pa.) which has been

## War Danger Seen in Move

LONDON (UP)—Moscow radio said Thursday night that French approval of German rearmament aggravates "the danger of a new war."

## Protested By Neish

## Hike of 25 Per Cent Due In Supplementary Payment

Forthcoming federal legislation to boost supplementary unemployment insurance benefits won praise from several Victoria union leaders last night, but drew from one the comment that it leaves fishermen "in pretty tragic condition."

A Canadian Press dispatch quoted Ottawa informants as saying that emergency federal legislation to meet winter unemployment would consist mainly of a boost of about 25 per cent in the supplementary benefits.

The supplementary benefits, now paid during the first three months of the year to some classes of workers who cannot qualify for ordinary benefits during that period, average about 80 per cent of regular benefits.

Usual reason for workers not qualifying for ordinary benefits in the first three months of the year is that they have used up all the benefits to which they are normally entitled.

The government is understood to be proposing some changes in the current complicated regulations to make it easier to qualify for these benefits. The period for which they are paid also may be lengthened.

SOME LEFT OUT  
But it is understood, the Ottawa dispatch said, that the government does not contemplate extending coverage to groups not now insured. This would still leave out civil servants, farm help, hospital employees and some classes of loggers and fishermen.

These changes will be incorporated in a so-called "little bill," which the government hopes to see passed as soon as possible in the session opening January 7.

Later in the session, Ottawa informants said, the government will introduce a voluminous measure streamlining the Unemployment Insurance Act and discarding the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for 3,200,000 workers.

The changes are "along the lines we have been requesting for many years," said Victor Midgely, vice-president of the Trade Union Congress of B.C.

LESSER HANDSHIP  
"These measures will help to reduce a lot of hardship," he said. "They represent an improvement, although not a solution to unemployment."

"The news is very encouraging," Ed Haw, secretary of the Victoria Labor Council (CCL), called an increase in supplementary benefits a "long needed step in the right direction."

But he added, "As long as all workers are not covered, we are going to have people in need."

He felt that the change would benefit shipyard unions most in this area.

BIG HELP  
James McConachy, business manager of Local 191 of International Boilermakers (AFL-TLC) said "it will be a big help to us."

"In the last two or three months, it hasn't been too good. We have had quite a few unemployed," he said.

Exclusion of new groups from the scheme was protested by Elgin Neish, president of the Victoria local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Independent).

"If fishermen have had a bad season, the only way they can get help is to declare themselves destitute and go on city welfare," he said.

Mr. Neish said that the heavy fish runs last only a few months of the year and said fishermen would continue their long cam-

paign for benefits "until the public realizes our plight."

### VERY IMPORTANT

An increase in the supplementary benefits would be "very important," Percy Raymond, secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, said.

"It would certainly be an advance on present payments," Changes in the supplementary benefit regulations "as far as they go, are all right," R. K. Gervin, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said from his Vancouver home in a telephone interview.

"Anything that will help the people at present unemployed will meet with approval," he said.

"The Dominion, provincial and municipal governments should meet hand-in-hand, in a national committee, to combat unemployment."

Lawrence Huck, president of the Victoria chapter of the B.C. Government Employees' Association, indicated that a majority of provincial civil servants here did not favor having to pay for unemployment insurance and would not mind exclusion from the act.

Most government employees here are white-collar workers and it was disclosed at the 1954 association convention that main support for unemployment insurance comes from other groups in the association.

## Disorder Ends Wives' Parley

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A meeting of wives of Ford of Canada Windsor workers, aimed at getting "constructive ideas" to settle the deadlocked Ford strikes, broke up Thursday amid jeers, cat-calls and profanity.

## Both in Popularity, Achievement

## Mendes-France, Man of Destiny Soars to Great, New Heights

PARIS — Premier Pierre Mendes-France's fight for German rearmament capped a series of spectacular successes which began last summer with his promise to stop the fighting in Indo-China within a month.

He did it, and set himself upon the road to a personal popularity achieved by few French chief executives. He became a sort of "man of destiny."

Mendes-France called upon every bit of that popularity in his campaign to ram through a fearful and wavering assembly the agreements to rearm an ancient enemy which has overrun French soil three times in the memory of living Frenchmen.

As long ago as May, 1953, Mendes-France was marked as a man to be watched. He narrowly missed the premiership when the government of Rene Mayer fell.

Last June, with the Indo-China situation becoming more desperate daily, the deputies turned again to the 47-year-old Mendes-France. He said he would stop the war within a month, or give up his office. On June 17 he was confirmed as premier by a vote of 417 to 47.

Just a month later, the assembly

## Late Briefs

### British Charge Cypriots

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—A British court formally charged 33 Greek Cypriots Thursday with joining in the bloody anti-British rioting here December 18. A week ago, 23 other Greek Cypriots were charged with staging an illegal procession. The rioting developed during demonstrations protesting against the United Nations' deferral of the Cyprus question.

### Blizzard Drizzles Out

CHICAGO (AP)—A storm that snowed under the midsection of the United States for 48 hours petered out Thursday as it moved eastward and turned into freezing drizzle and cold fog. It left 23 dead.

### Singer Sues Airline

NEW YORK (AP)—Negro singer Ella Fitzgerald and three of her staff members Thursday sued Pan American World Airways, Inc., for \$270,000 damages on charges of racial discrimination. They claimed that on a flight from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia, they were stranded in Honolulu for three days because of "unjust discrimination" and "unreasonable prejudice."

### No Apology Owed

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver police commission said Thursday it owed no apology to a newspaper photographer who was detained by police after taking a forbidden picture of a robbery suspect.

### Another Triumph



PREMIER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE

## Arms Plan Approved By France

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## 'Outside' Too Tough

# No Place Like Pen Ex-Convict Finds

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—A 36-year-old ex-convict embarked on a two-year jail stretch Thursday after profitless breaks into a brace of banks to point up his yen for the pen.

Don Roberts of Sydney Mines told Magistrate John F. MacDonald that eight fruitless months of hunting for work convinced him jail was the place to be. The quest began when he returned here after serving 43 months in prison at Montreal for armed robbery.

Roberts said he reached his fateful decision Wednesday.

### BOTTLE BREAK-IN

First, he heaved a beer bottle through the window of a Bank of Nova Scotia branch and, in the dark, climbed through, cutting his hand in the process. He wandered around aimlessly, then, picking up a stool for future use, he climbed out through the broken window.

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# U.S. Combat Power Not Hit by Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. defense department reported Thursday that in the two years ended last June 30 it cut military manpower strength by 9 per cent, all without weakening combat power.

The report was made to a House of Representatives civil service sub-committee headed by Representative R. J. Corbett

## Disorder Ends Wives' Parley

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—A meeting of wives of Ford of Canada workers, aimed at getting "constructive ideas" to settle the deadlocked Ford strikes, broke up Thursday amid jeers, cat-calls and profanity.

(Rep. Pa.) which has been studying the military use of manpower.

Corbett said in an accompanying statement that the military, for the two years ending next June 30, had found 212,800 uniformed and civilian positions "unnecessary to the accomplishment of their primary defense objectives," with a resulting saving of some \$900,000,000 a year.

The figures used by Corbett were not in the defense department's report as published by the sub-committee. The survey did not deal with the Pentagon's announced future manpower cuts or its proposed new draft reserve program.

# Labor Leaders Mostly Favor Jobless Plan

Forthcoming federal legislation to boost supplementary unemployment insurance benefits won praise from several Victoria union leaders last night, but drew from one the comment that it leaves fishermen "in pretty tragic condition."

A Canadian Press dispatch quoted Ottawa informants as saying that emergency federal legislation to meet winter unemployment would consist mainly of a boost of about 25 per cent in the supplementary benefits.

The supplementary benefits, now paid during the first three months of the year to some classes of workers who cannot qualify for ordinary benefits during that period, average about 80 per cent of regular benefits.

Usual reason for workers not qualifying for ordinary benefits in the first three months of the year is that they have used up all the benefits to which they are normally entitled.

The government is understood to be proposing some changes in the current complicated regulations to make it easier to qualify for these benefits. The period for which they are paid also may be lengthened.

### SOME LEFT OUT

But it is understood, the Ottawa dispatch said, that the government does not contemplate extending coverage to groups not now insured. This would still leave out civil servants, farm help, hospital employees and some classes of loggers and fishermen.

These changes will be incorporated in a so-called "little bill," which the government hopes to see passed as soon as possible in the session opening January 7.

Later in the session, Ottawa informants said, the government will introduce a voluminous measure streamlining the Unemployment Insurance Act and discarding the system of insurance books and stamps now kept for 3,200,000 workers.

The changes are "along the lines we have been requesting for many years," said Victor Midgely, vice-president of the Trade Union Congress of B.C.

### LESSER HARSHNESS

"These measures will help to reduce a lot of hardship," he said. "They represent an improvement, although not a solution to unemployment."

"The news is very encouraging," Ed Haw, secretary of the Victoria Labor Council (CCL), called an increase in supplementary benefits a "long needed step in the right direction."

But he added, "As long as all workers are not covered, we are going to have people in need."

He felt that the change would benefit shipyard unions most in this area.

### BIG HELP

James McConachy, business manager of Local 191 of International Boilermakers (AFL-TLC) said "it will be a big help to us."

"In the last two or three months, it hasn't been too good. We have had quite a few unemployed," he said.

Exclusion of new groups from the scheme was protested by Elgin Neish, president of the Victoria local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Independent).

"If fishermen have had a bad season, the only way they can get help is to declare themselves destitute and go on city welfare," he said.

Mr. Neish said that the heavy fish runs last only a few months of the year and said fishermen would continue their long campaign for benefits "until the public realizes our plight."

### VERY IMPORTANT

An increase in the supplementary benefits would be "very important," Percy Raymond, secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, said.

"It would certainly be an advance on present payments."

Changes in the supplementary benefit regulations "as far as they go, are all right," R. K. Gervin, vice-president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said from his Vancouver home in a telephone interview.

"Anything that will help the people at present unemployed will meet with approval," he said.

"The Dominion, provincial and municipal governments should meet hand-in-hand, in a

national committee, to combat unemployment."

Lawrence Huck, president of the Victoria chapter of the B.C. Government Employees' Association, indicated that a majority of provincial civil servants here did not favor having to pay for unemployment insurance and would not mind exclusion from the act.

Most government employees here are white-collar workers and it was disclosed at the 1954 association convention that main support for unemployment insurance comes from other groups in the association.

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## Both in Popularity, Achievement

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PARIS — Premier Pierre Mendès-France's fight for German rearmament capped a series of spectacular successes which began last summer with his promise to stop the fighting in Indo-China within a month.

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Mendès-France called upon every bit of that popularity in his campaign to ram through a fearful and wavering assembly the agreements to rearm an ancient enemy which has overrun French soil three times in the memory of living Frenchmen.

As long ago as May, 1953, Mendès-France was marked as a man to be watched. He narrowly missed the premiership when the government of Rene Mayer fell.

Last June, with the Indo-China situation becoming more desperate daily, the deputies turned again to the 47-year-old Mendès-France. He said he would stop the war within a month, or give up his office. On June 17 he was confirmed as premier by a vote of 417 to 47.

Just a month later, the assembly

gave him one of the greatest majorities ever recorded—471 to 14—in approving the Indo-China armistice worked out at Geneva.

He barely waited to hear the result before taking off for another trouble spot, Tunisia. There he called Nationalist leaders into conference, and won agreement on principles of home rule for the protectorate.

Then he turned to the ill-fated European Defense Community. He tried in vain to have the setup changed so he could sell it to the assembly. Refusing to stake his government on the vote, he stood by as the assembly killed it, 319 to 264.

Although he was gaining political enemies by now, he lined up with the United States and Britain to work out plans for the Western European Communist bloc in the assembly turn solidly and finally against him.

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COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — A Copenhagen man has been granted a divorce because his wife always squeezed the toothpaste tube in the middle after he had carefully rolled it up at the end. The judge held that the wife's "offense" would not have been a ground for divorce, except that the husband had shown himself unusually sensitive about it.

## Boy Mauled by Bulldogs; Flesh Torn from Limbs

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—Two bulldogs attacked an eight-year-old boy near here Thursday, chewing his arms and legs "down to the bone," doctors said.

Hospital officials said Roger

Stokely was in critical condition after nearly 150 stitches were required to close his wounds.

Doctors reported Roger's arm muscles were torn badly and that on his left leg both muscle and skin were "just gone."

## Mothers Praying For Missing Sons

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three grief-stricken mothers hoped and prayed in their homes here Thursday that what is feared to be a four-fold tragedy will turn out to be a teen-age adventure.

Four boys, two of them brothers, vanished on a camping trip up the Indian Arm, 18 miles northeast of here. Their wrecked outboard motorboat was found washed up on a beach at the upper reaches of Vancouver harbor.

Eight search boats plied through a pelting rain along the shore of the placid inlet during the day, but failed to turn up any positive clues to their fate.

Hopes faded fast that they would be found alive.

A pet dog of one of the boys was found dead on the beach near the boat. A rubber boot, running shoes and other equipment carried by the boys was also washed ashore.

### Missing are:

Don, 17, and Ian McLeod, 16, Wally Wittwer, 17, and Joe Toth, 17, all of Vancouver.

They started on the camping and fishing trip Sunday. All had made the trip many times before and are familiar with the terrain.

# Duchess Hits Comeback Trail

NEW YORK (UP)—The Duchess of Windsor, queen of the fashion world last year, hit the comeback trail yesterday. She tied for second place on the 1953 list of the world's best-dressed women.

Mrs. William S. Paley, wife of the chairman of the board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, topped the list for the second consecutive year.

It was Mrs. Paley, one of Boston's famous Cushing sisters, who ended the Baltimore-born duchess' 15-year reign last year.

The duchess toppled from first to 10th place on the 1954 list, but yesterday she tied for second with Mrs. Byron Foy, wife of a Chrysler Motors executive.

Princess Margaret of Britain was third.

The annual list of best-dressed women is issued by the New York Dress Institute's couture group, an organization of high-priced designers and dress makers who outfit some of the women named. Ballots were sent to 1,500 fashion designers,

fashion editors, society writers and socialites in the United States, South America and Europe.

Their votes this year put Mme. Henri Bonnet, wife of the retiring French ambassador to

the United States, in fourth place. Others listed included: Mme. Louis Arpels, wife of the French jeweler, fifth; Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, socialite wife of the sportsman,

sixth; Clare Booth Luce, U.S.

ambassador to Italy, seventh; Mrs. Arturo Lopez-Willshaw, Paris socialite, eighth; Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr., wife of the newspaper publisher, and Mrs. Harold E. Talbot, wife of the air force secretary, tied for ninth, and act-

ress Grace Kelly and Queen Frederica of Greece tied for tenth.

Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, who was on the list two years ago, when her husband entered the White House, was an also-ran this year.



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